

Computational Optimal Transport

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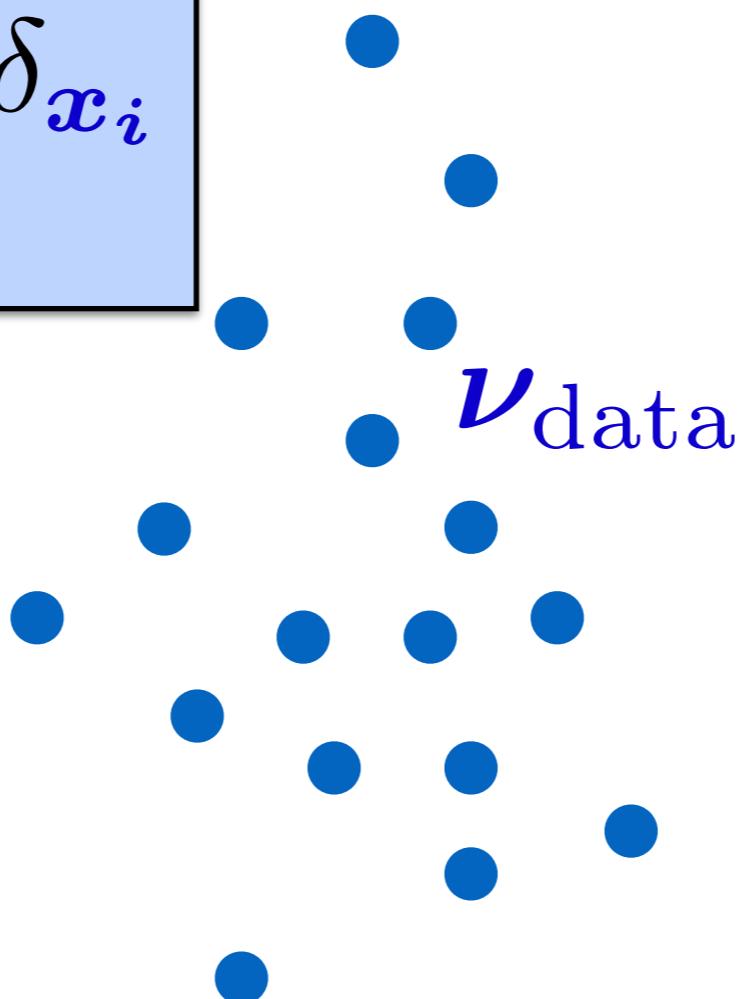
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to Data Science

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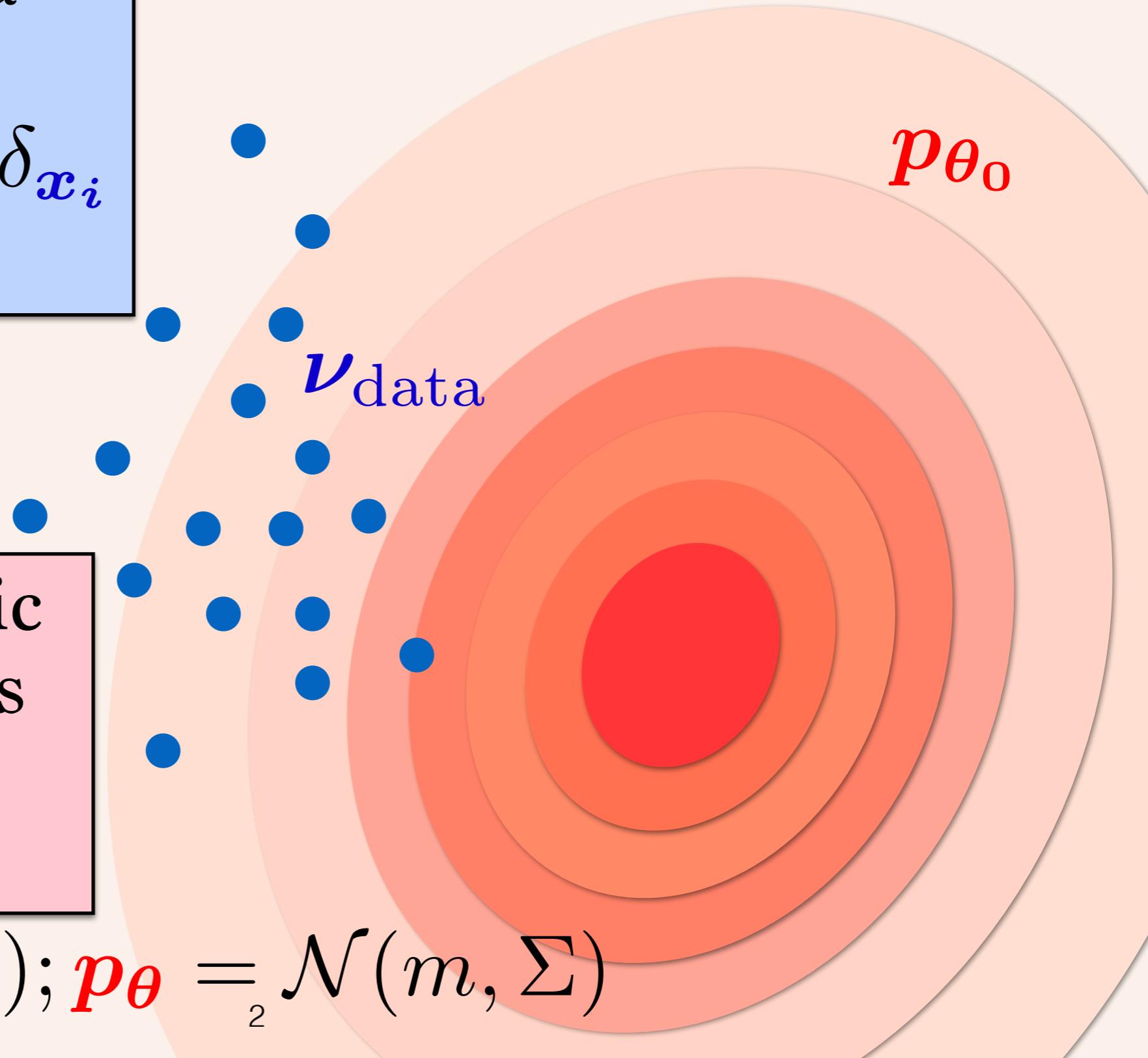
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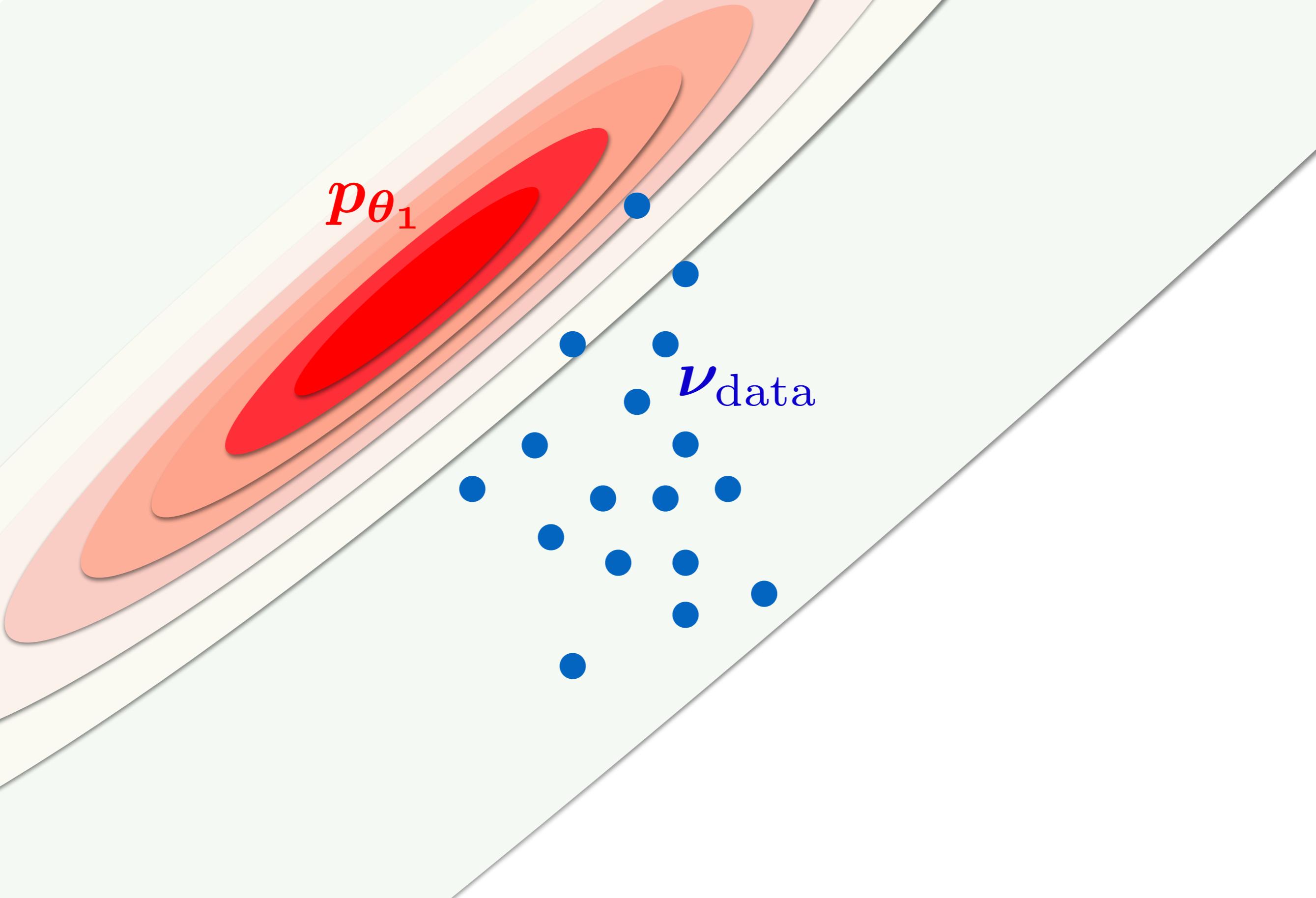
We fit a parametric family of densities

$$\{p_\theta, \theta \in \Theta\}$$

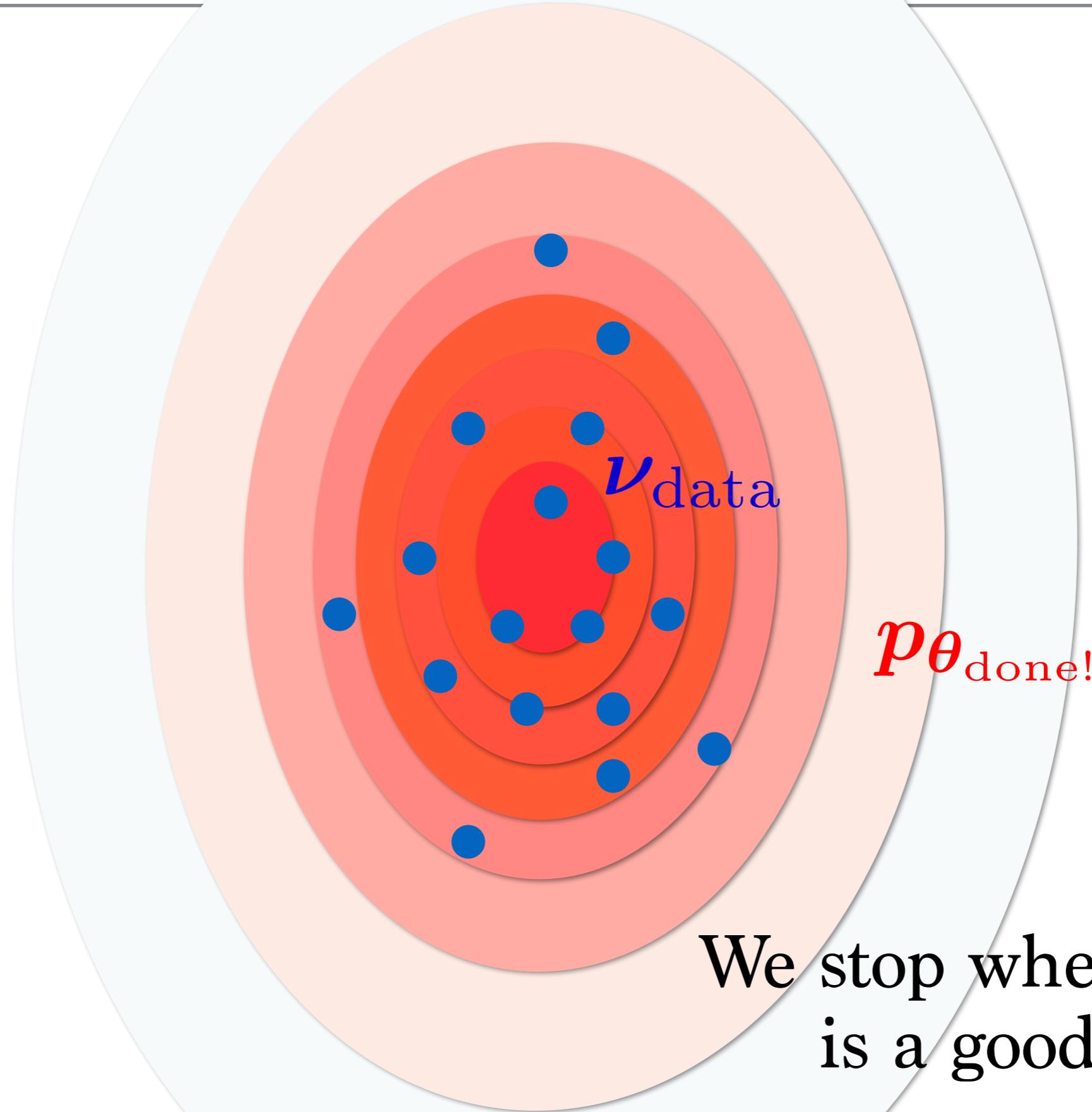
e.g. $\theta = (m, \Sigma)$; $p_\theta = {}_2\mathcal{N}(m, \Sigma)$



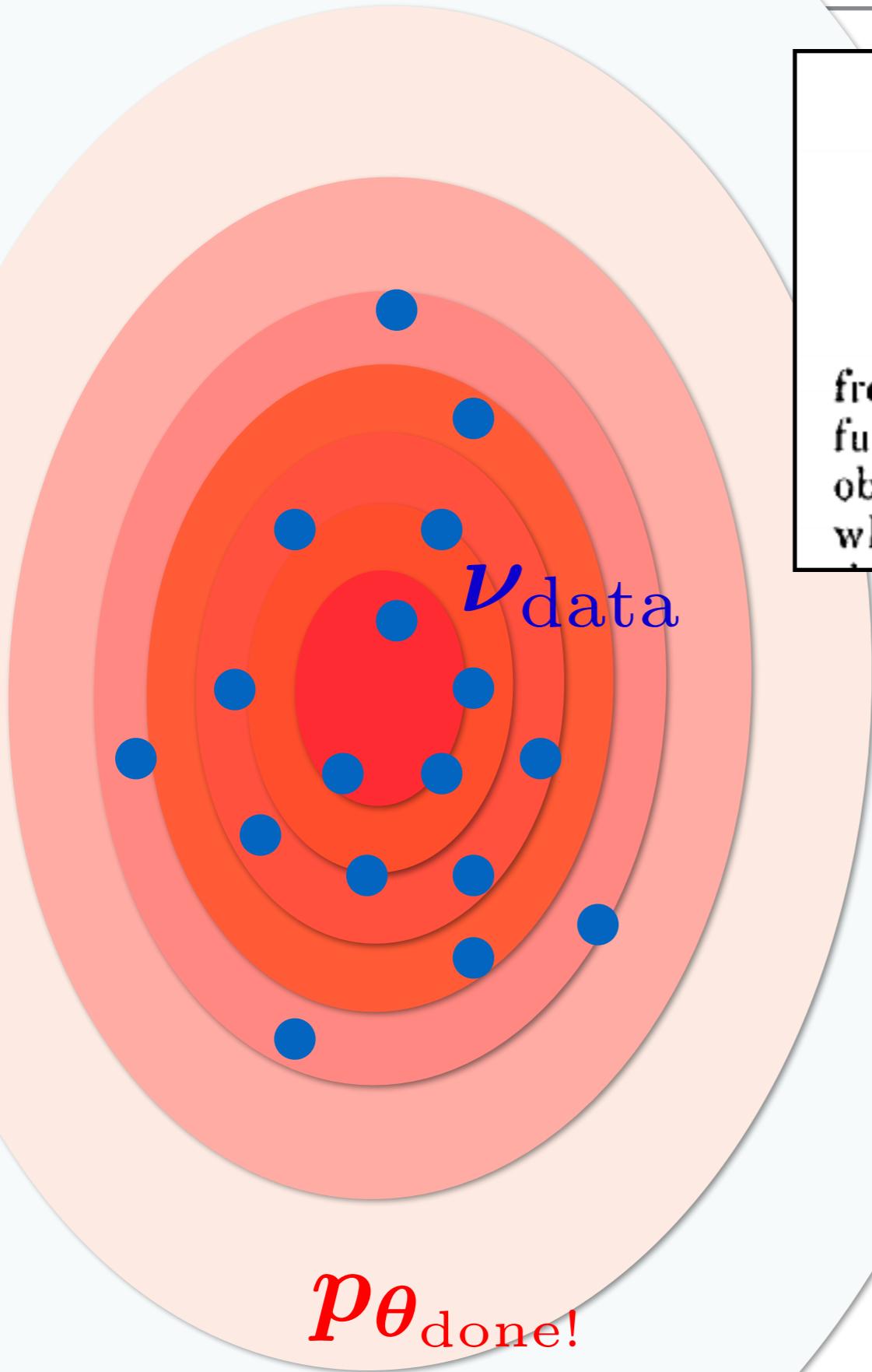
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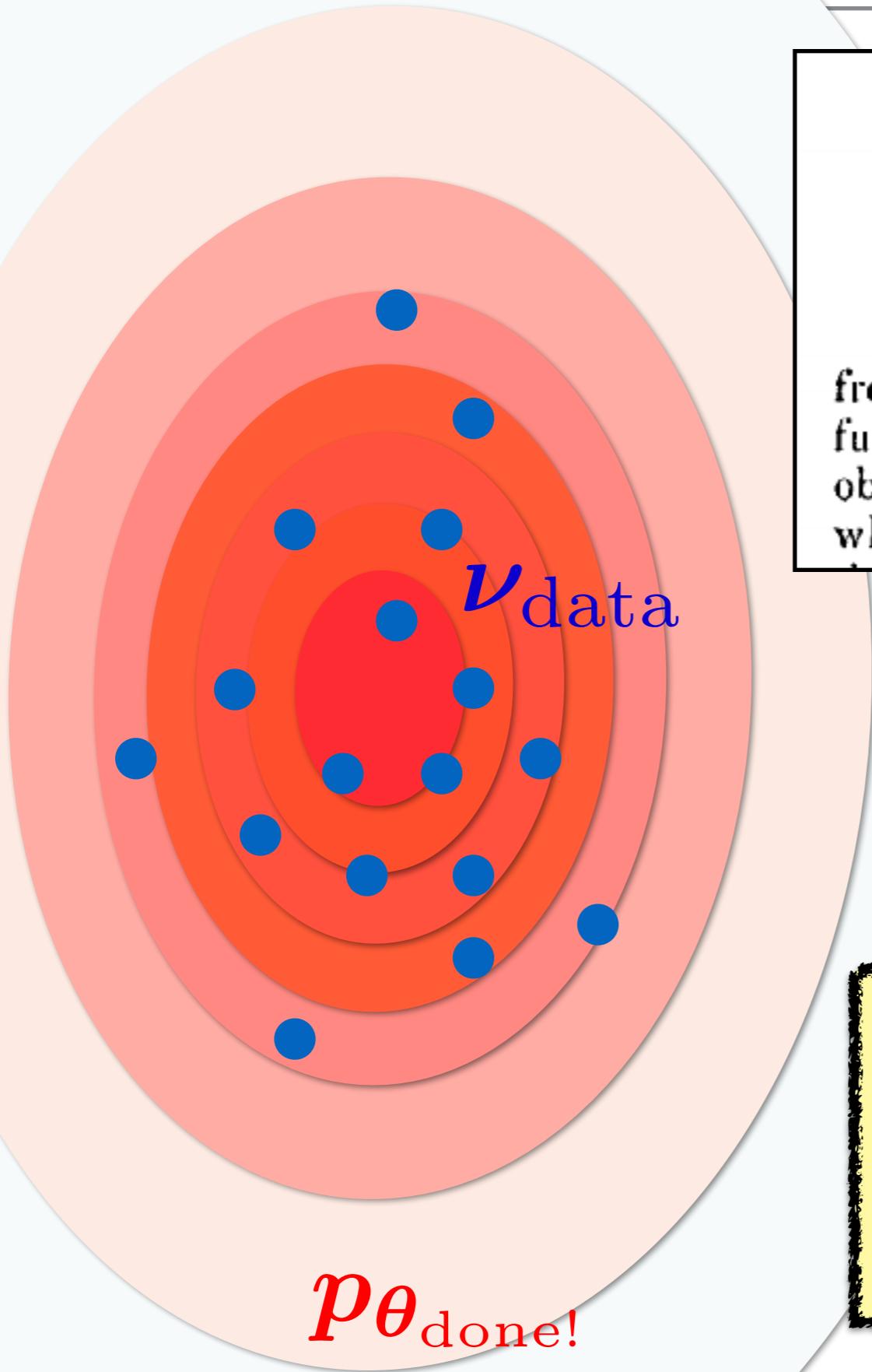
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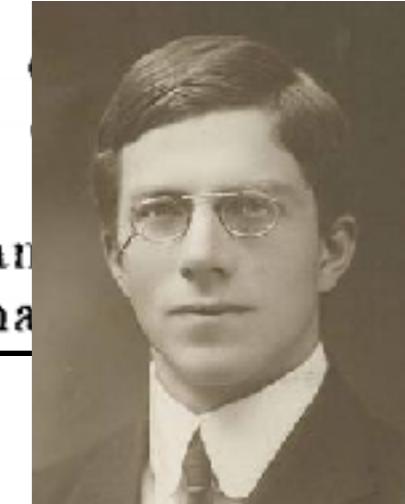
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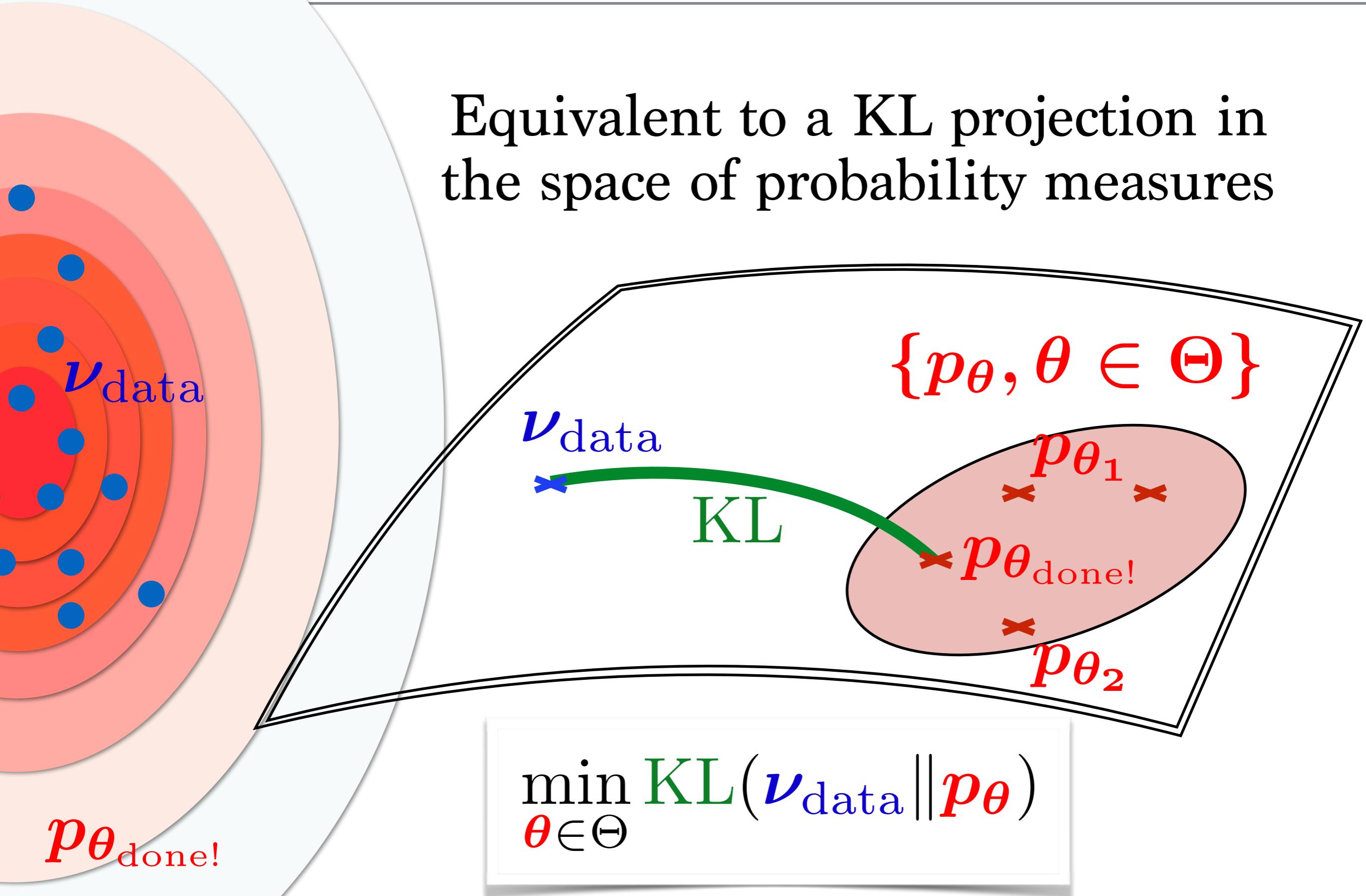


$$\log 0 = -\infty$$

$p_{\theta}(x_i)$ must be > 0

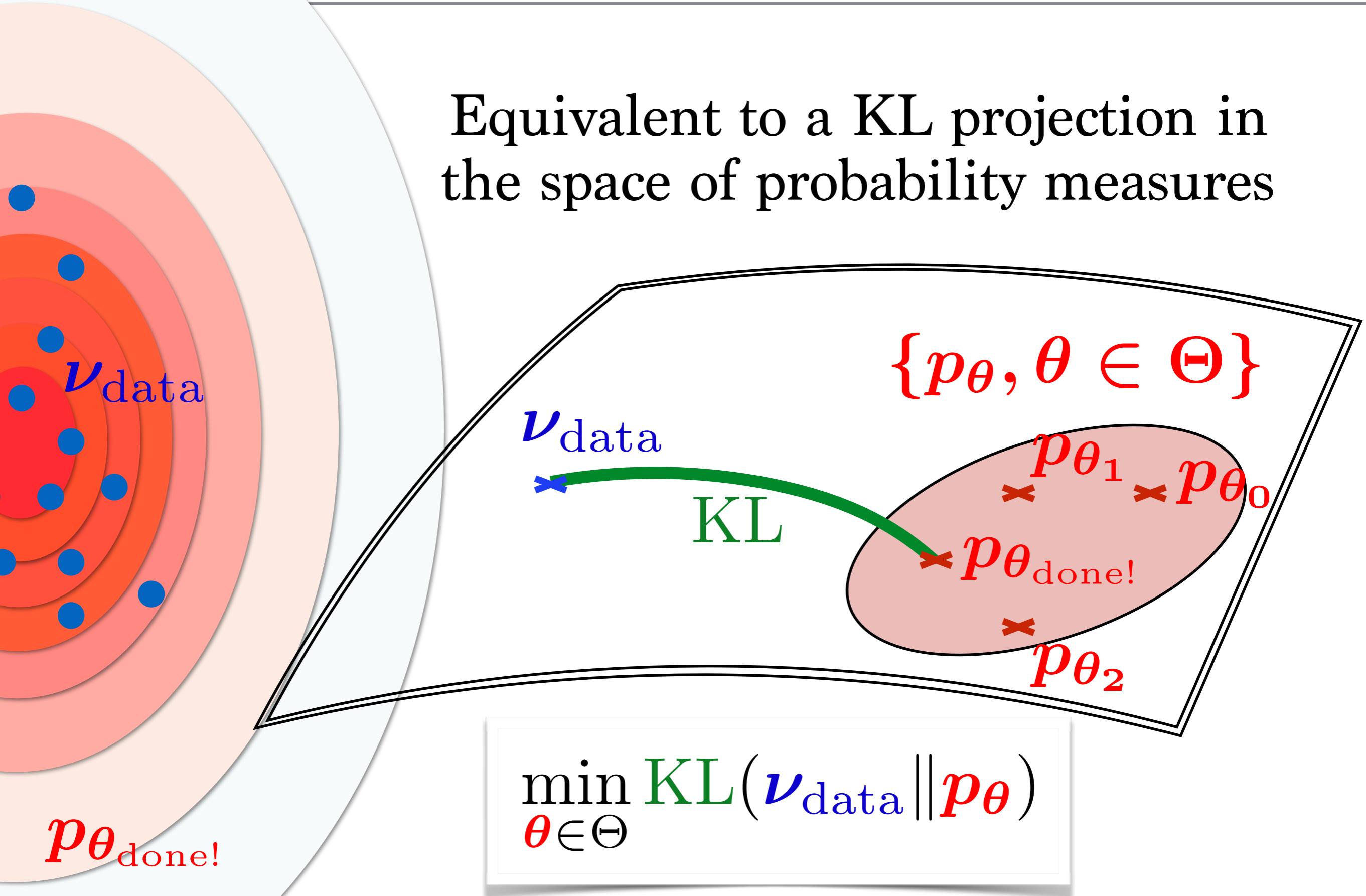
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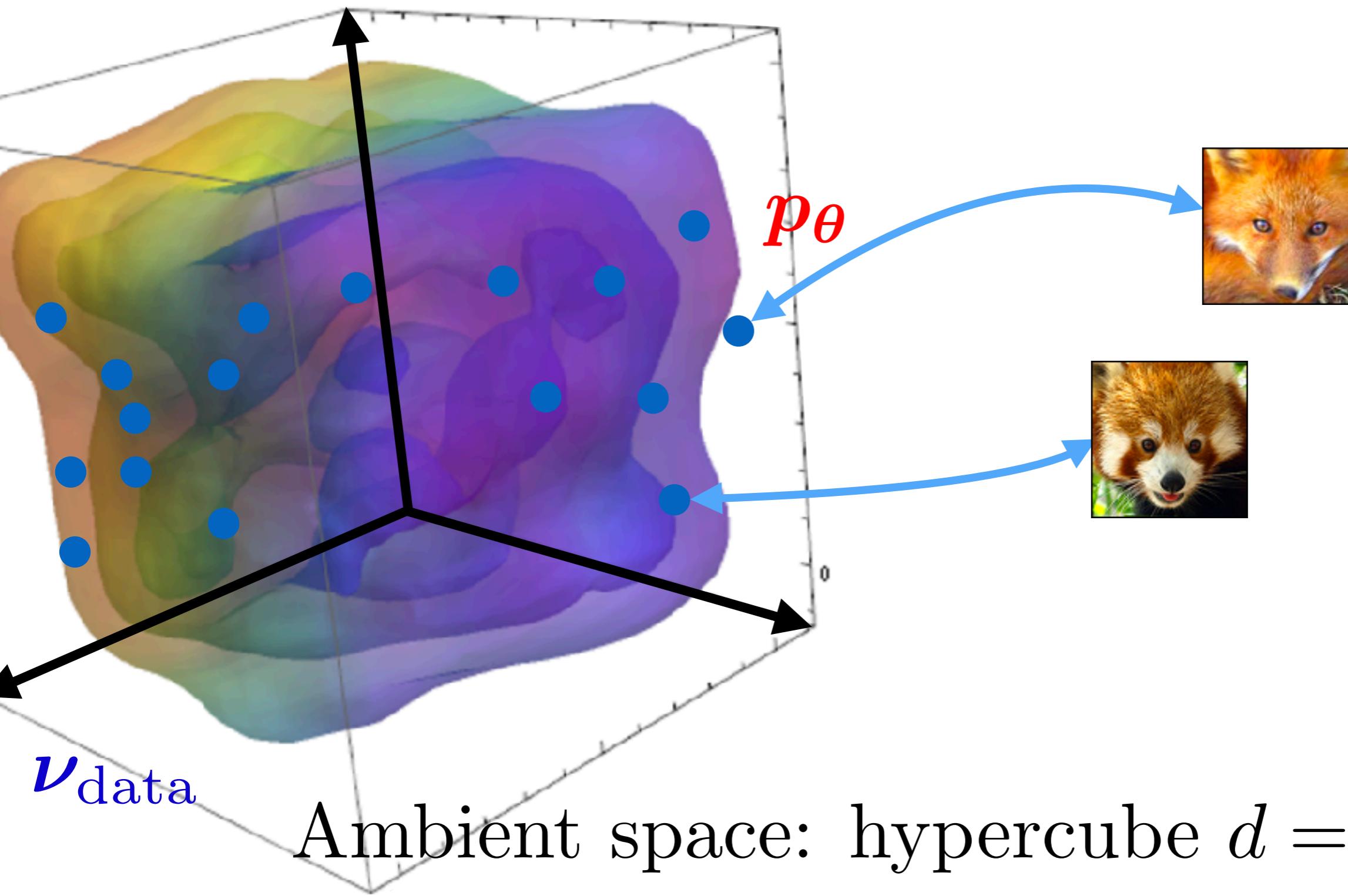


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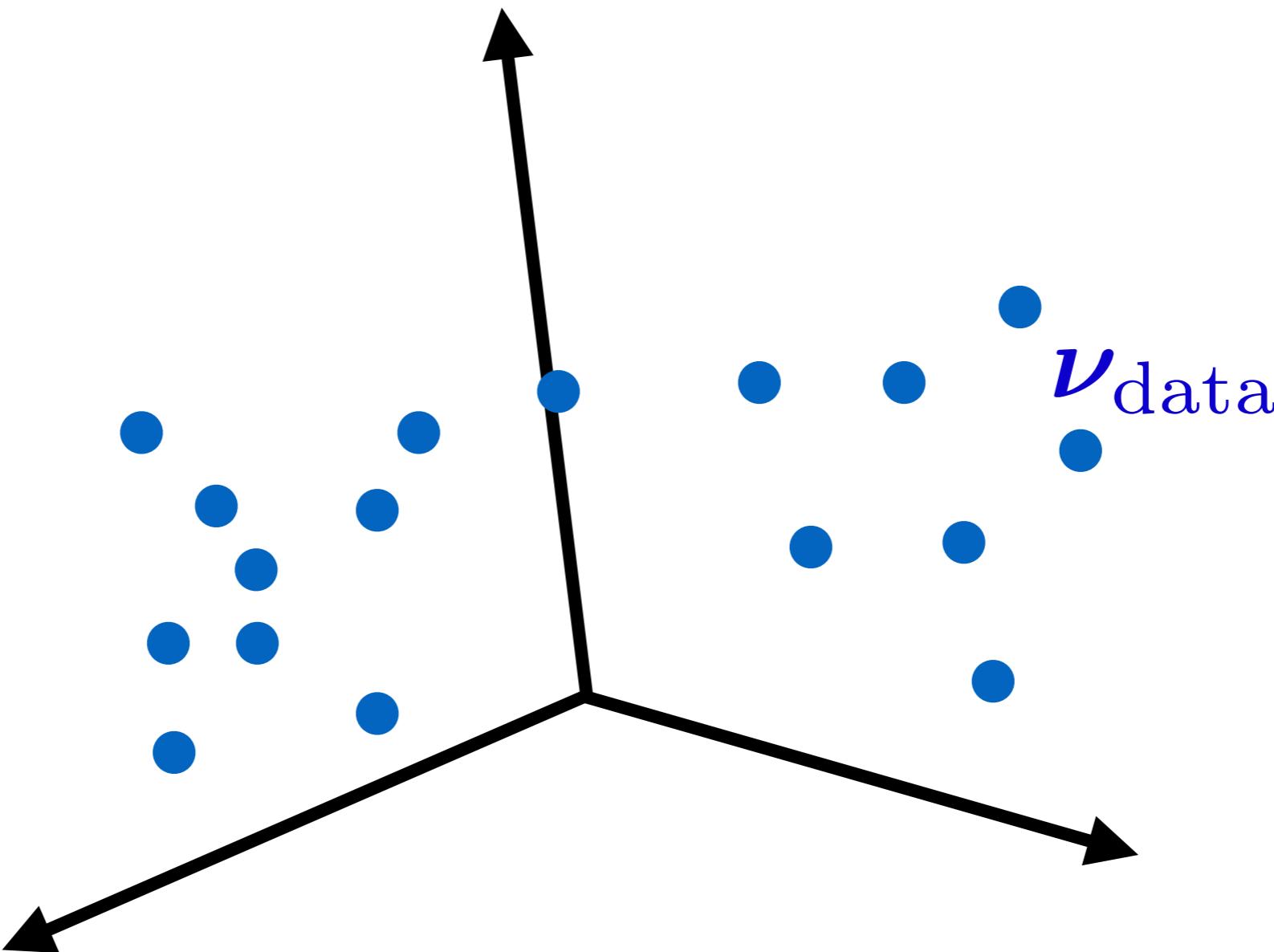
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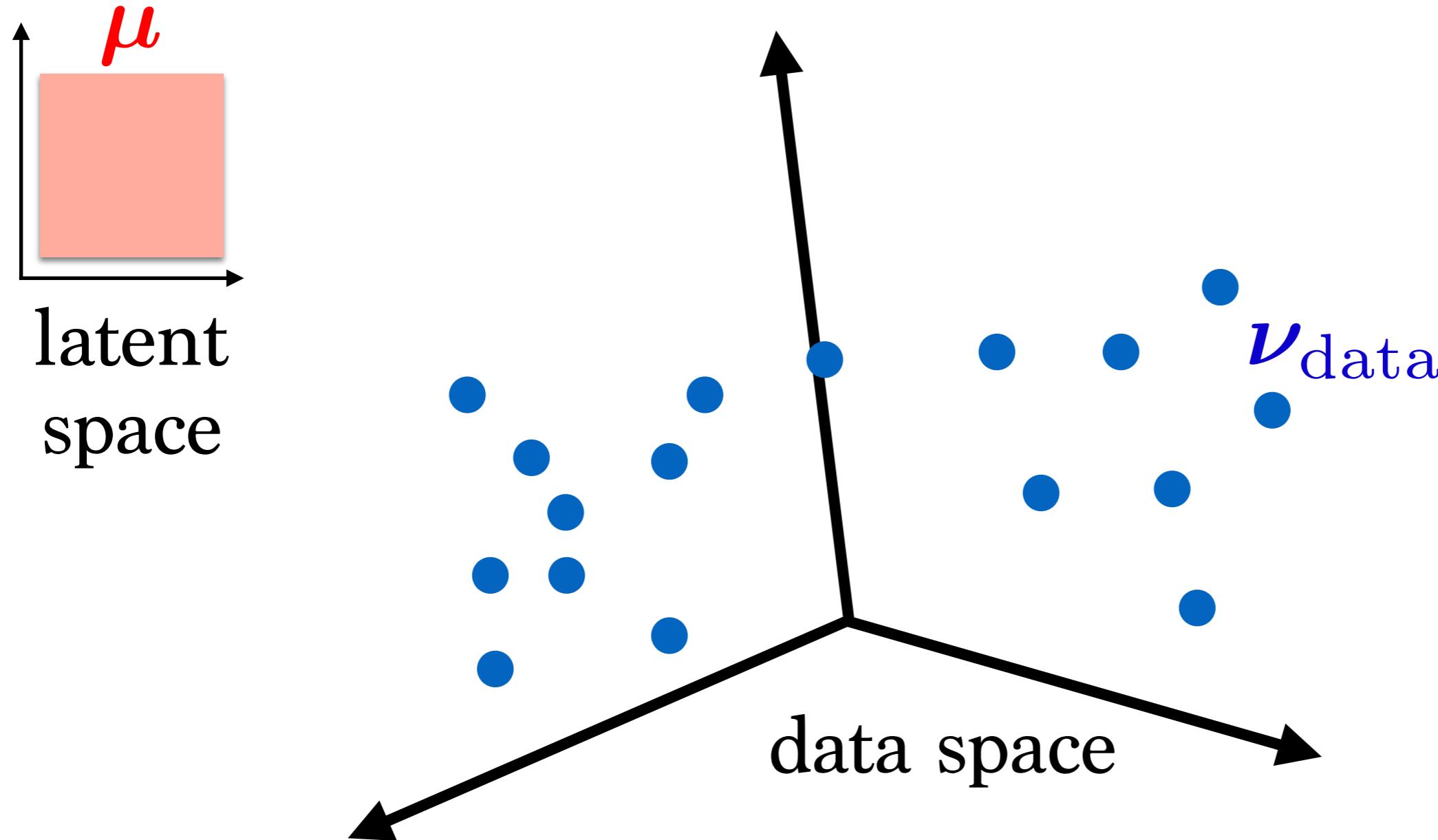
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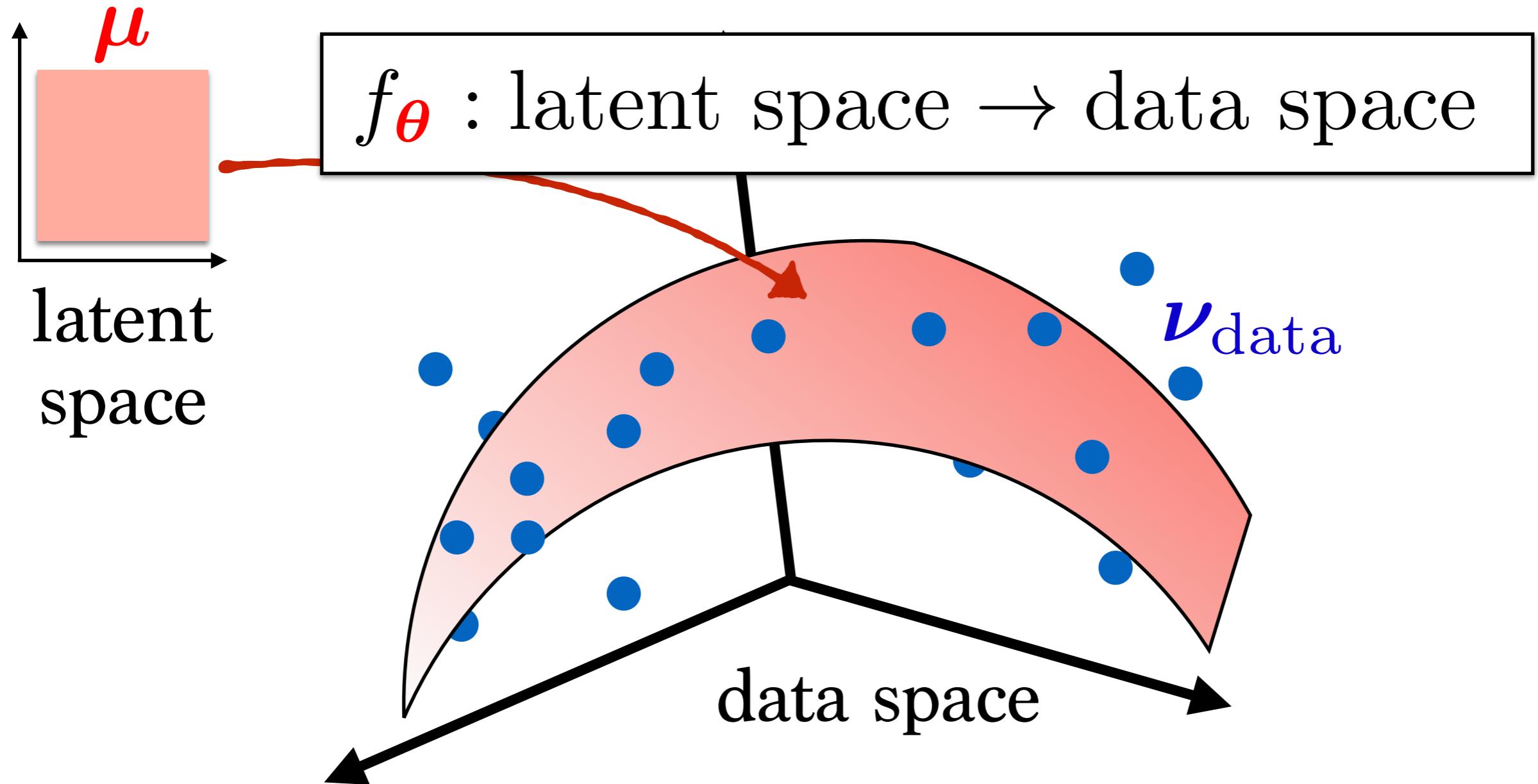
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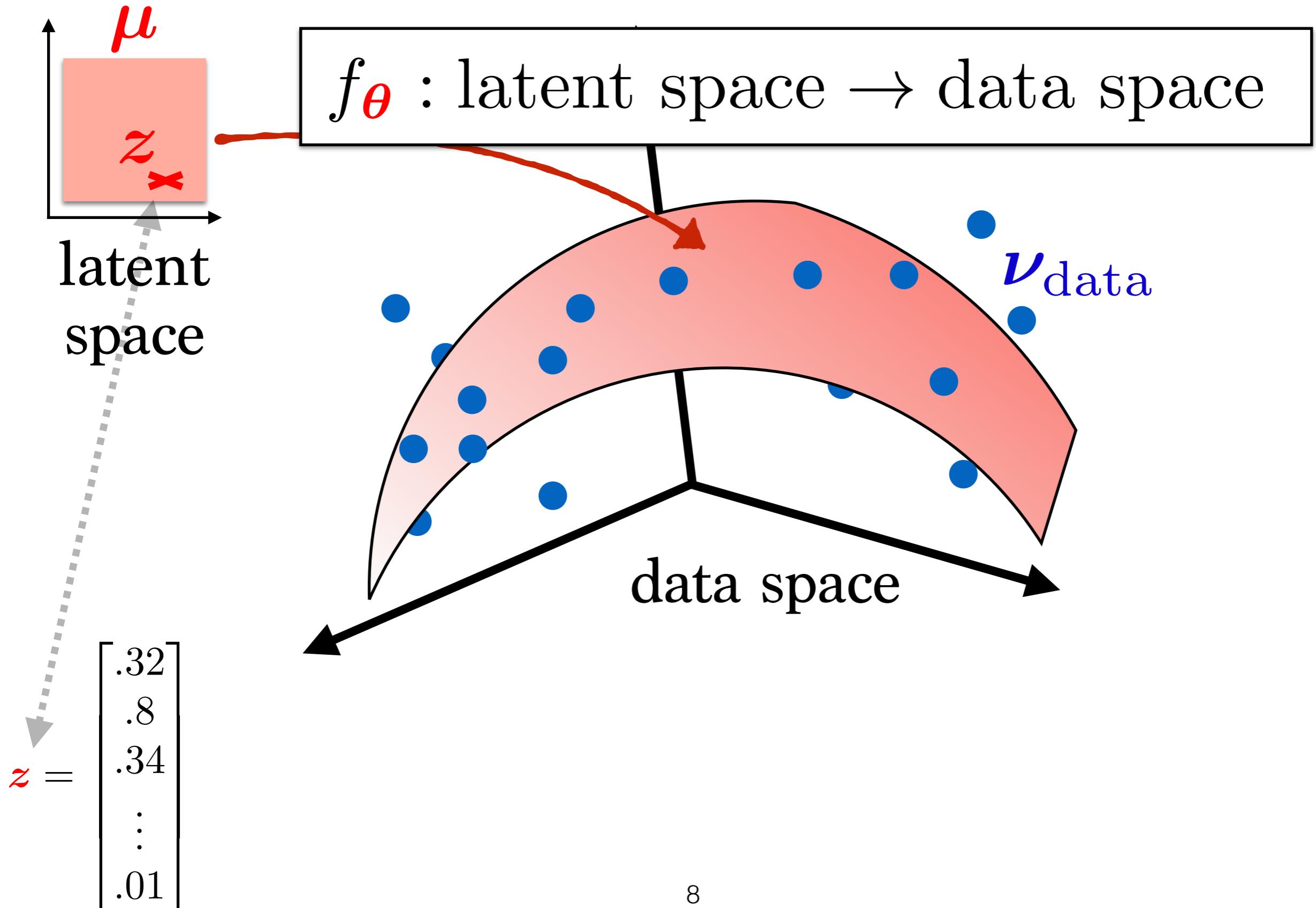
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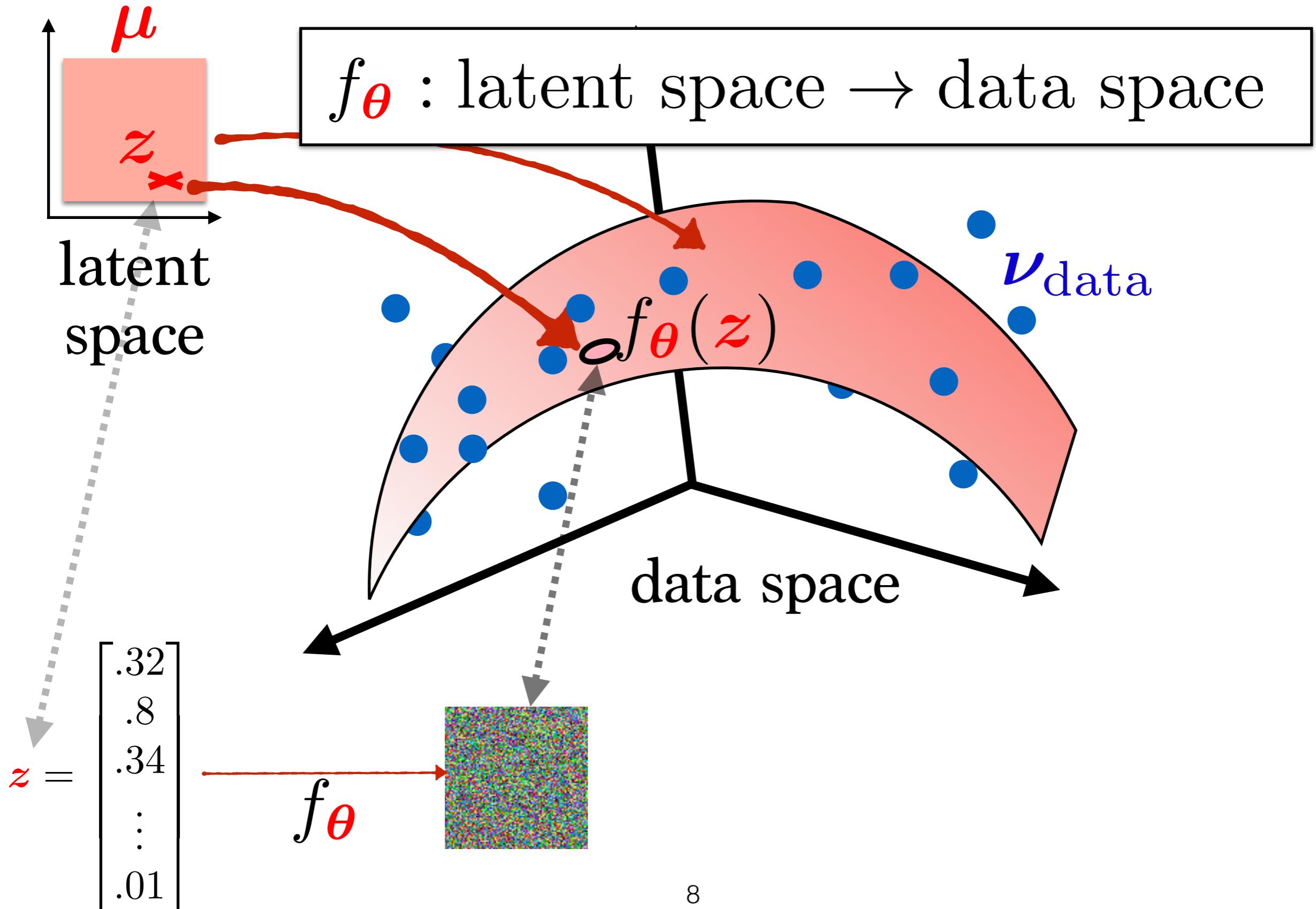
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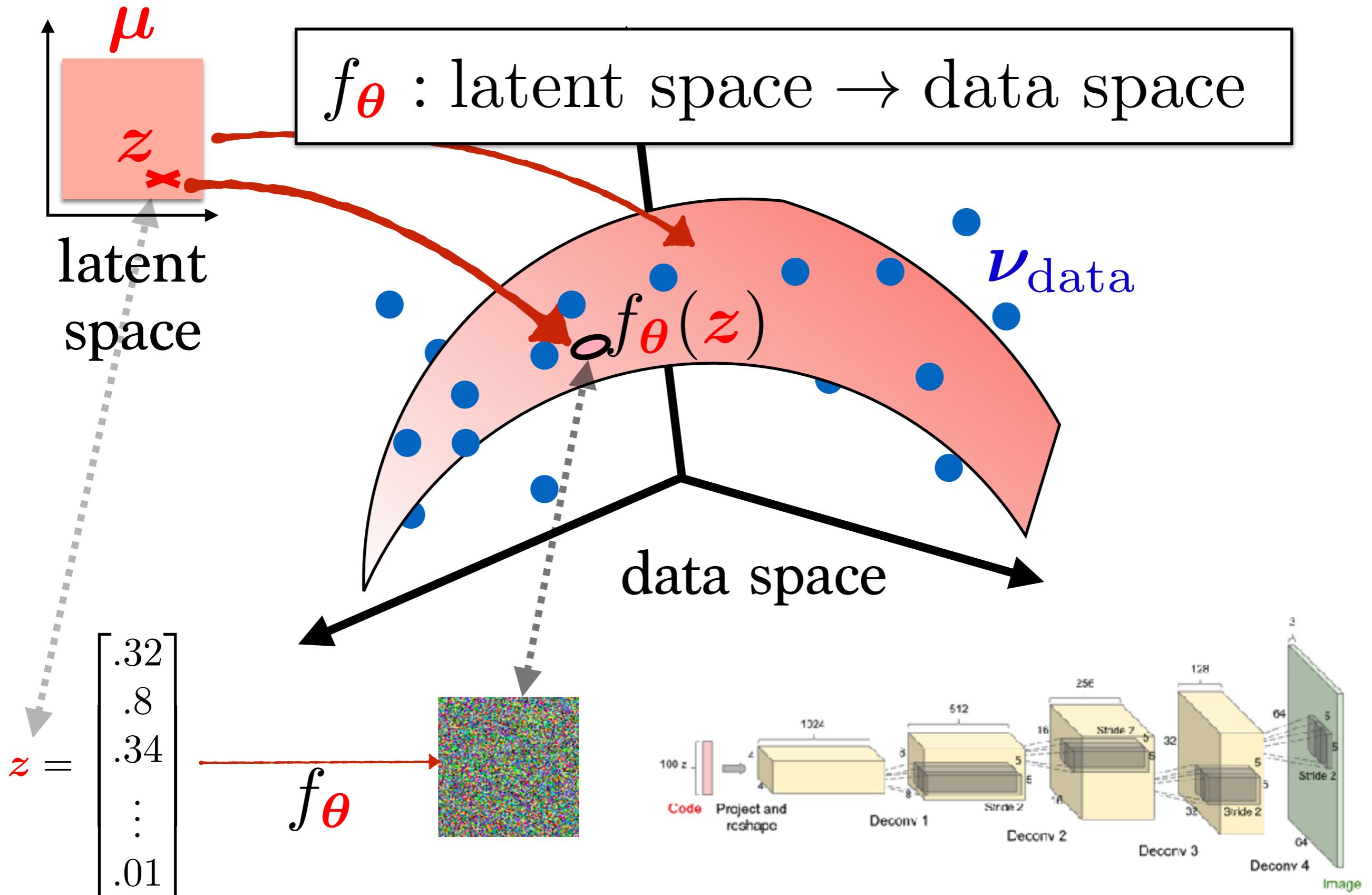
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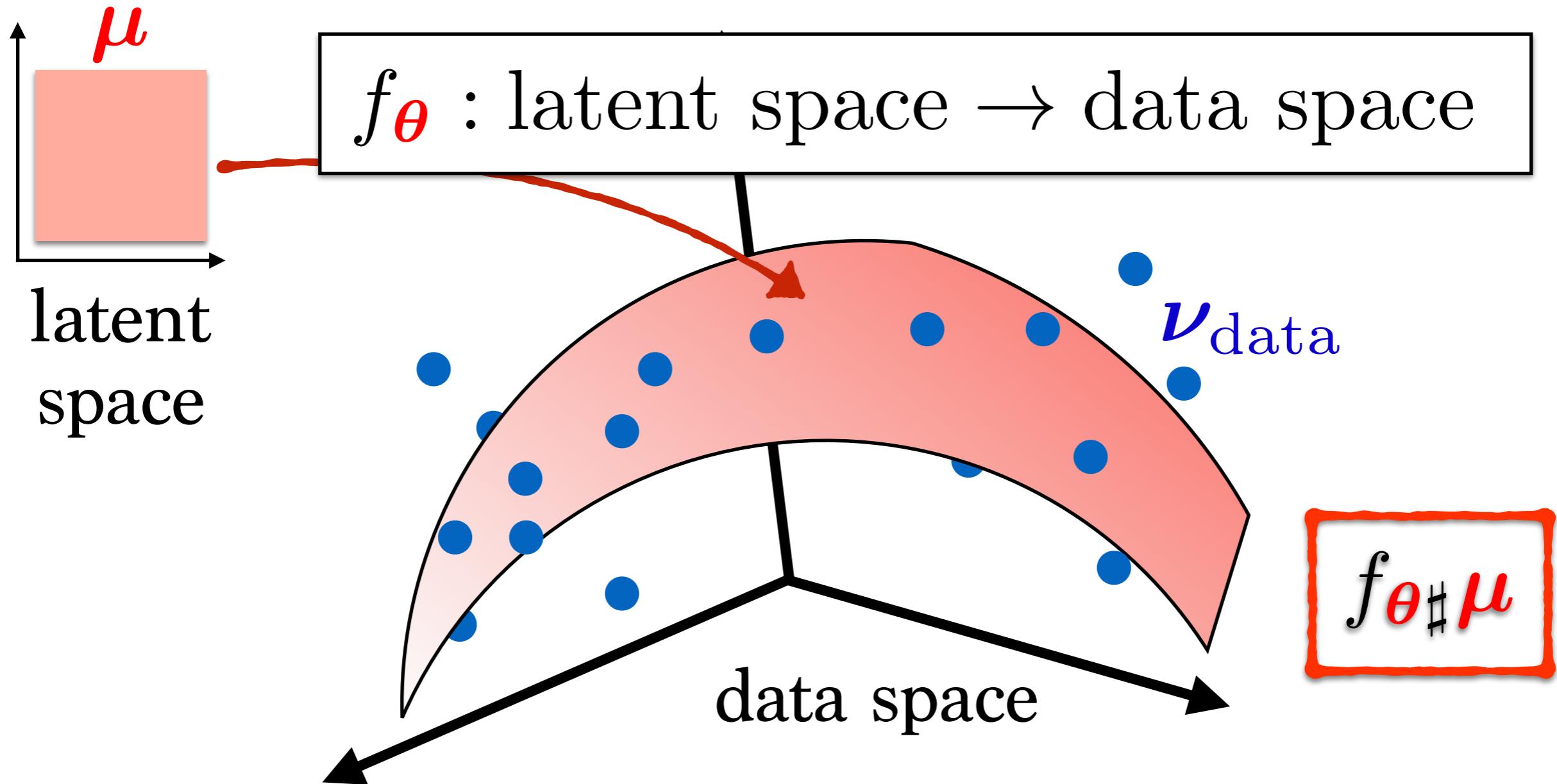
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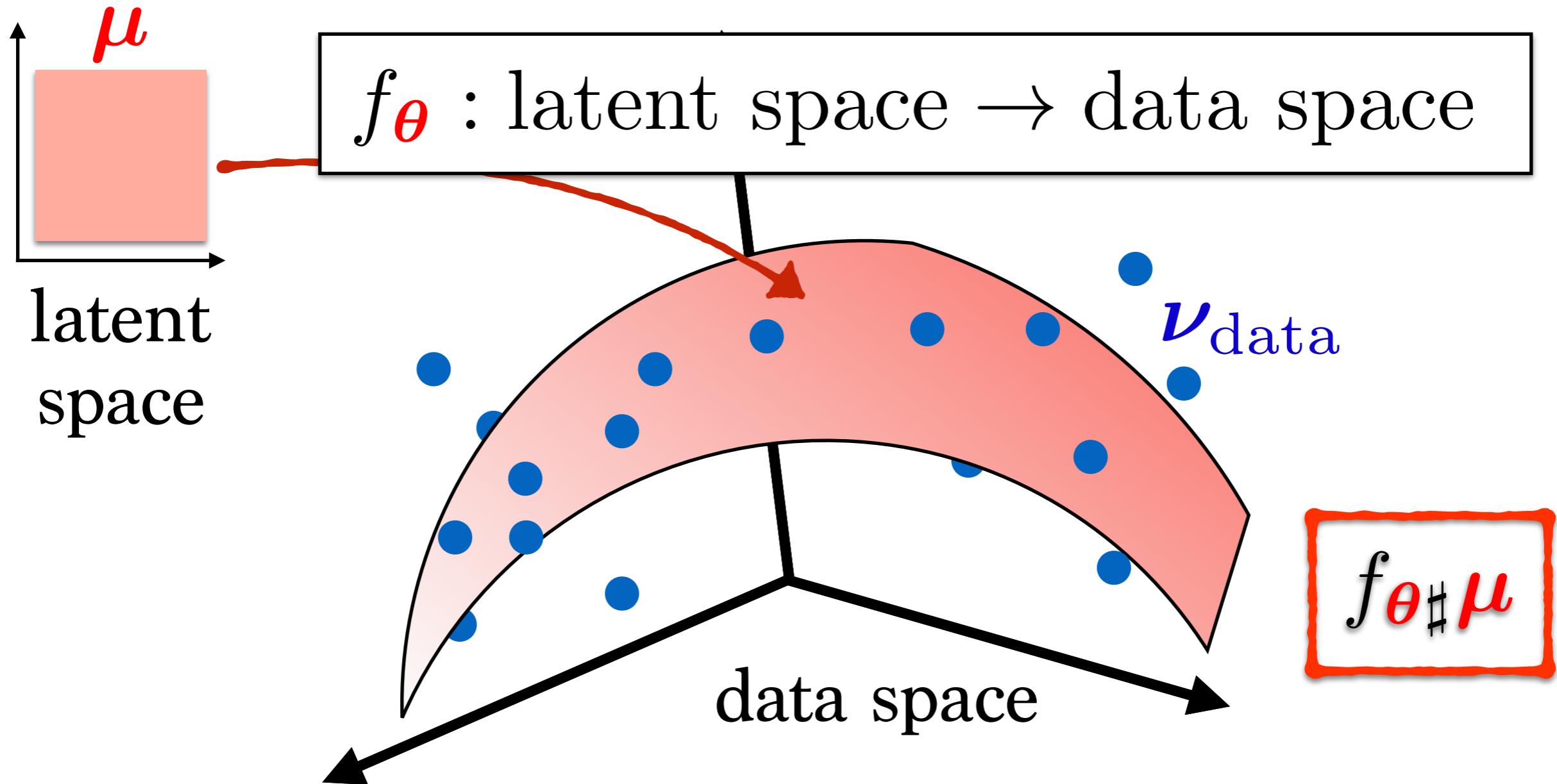
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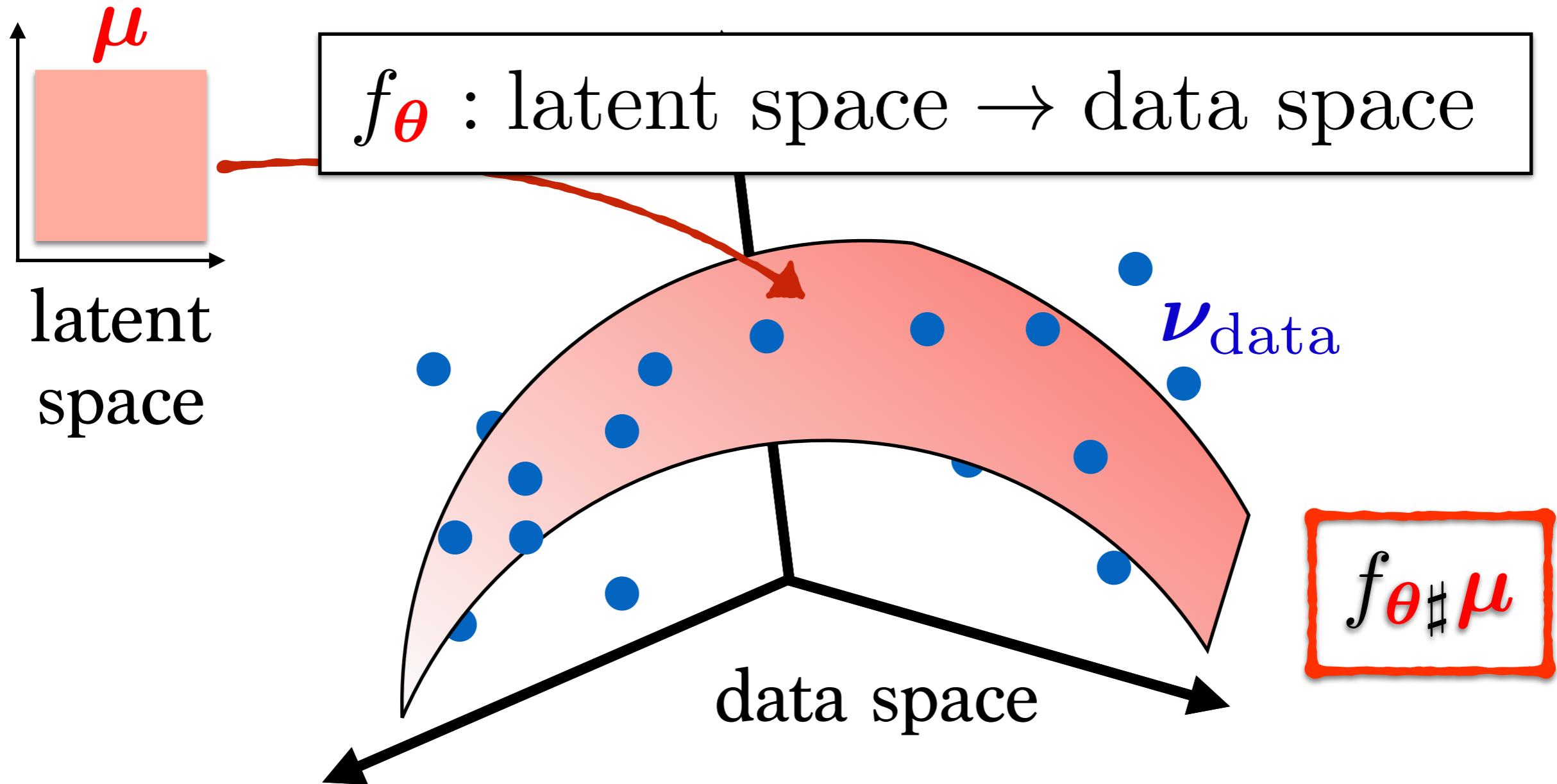


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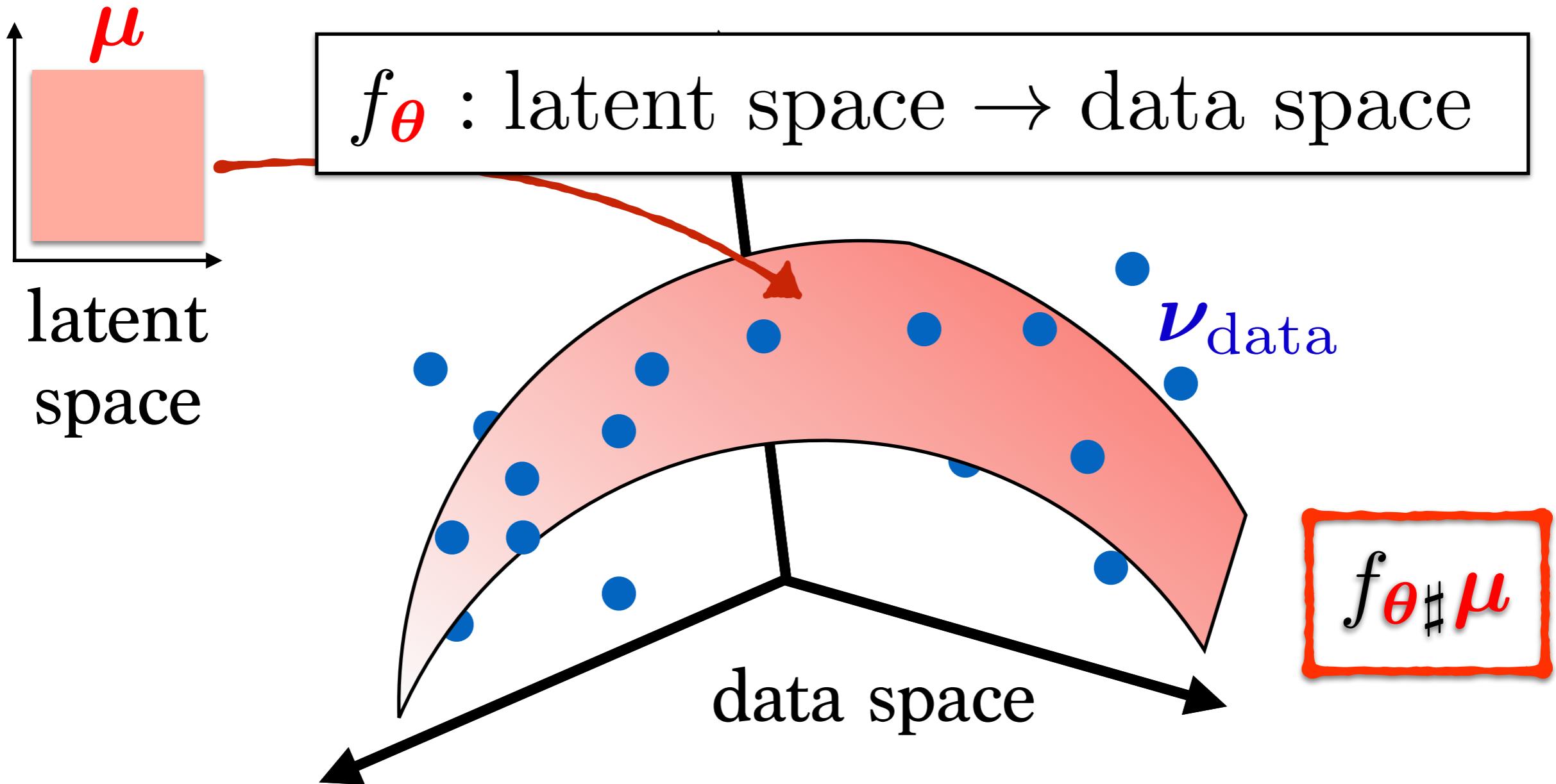
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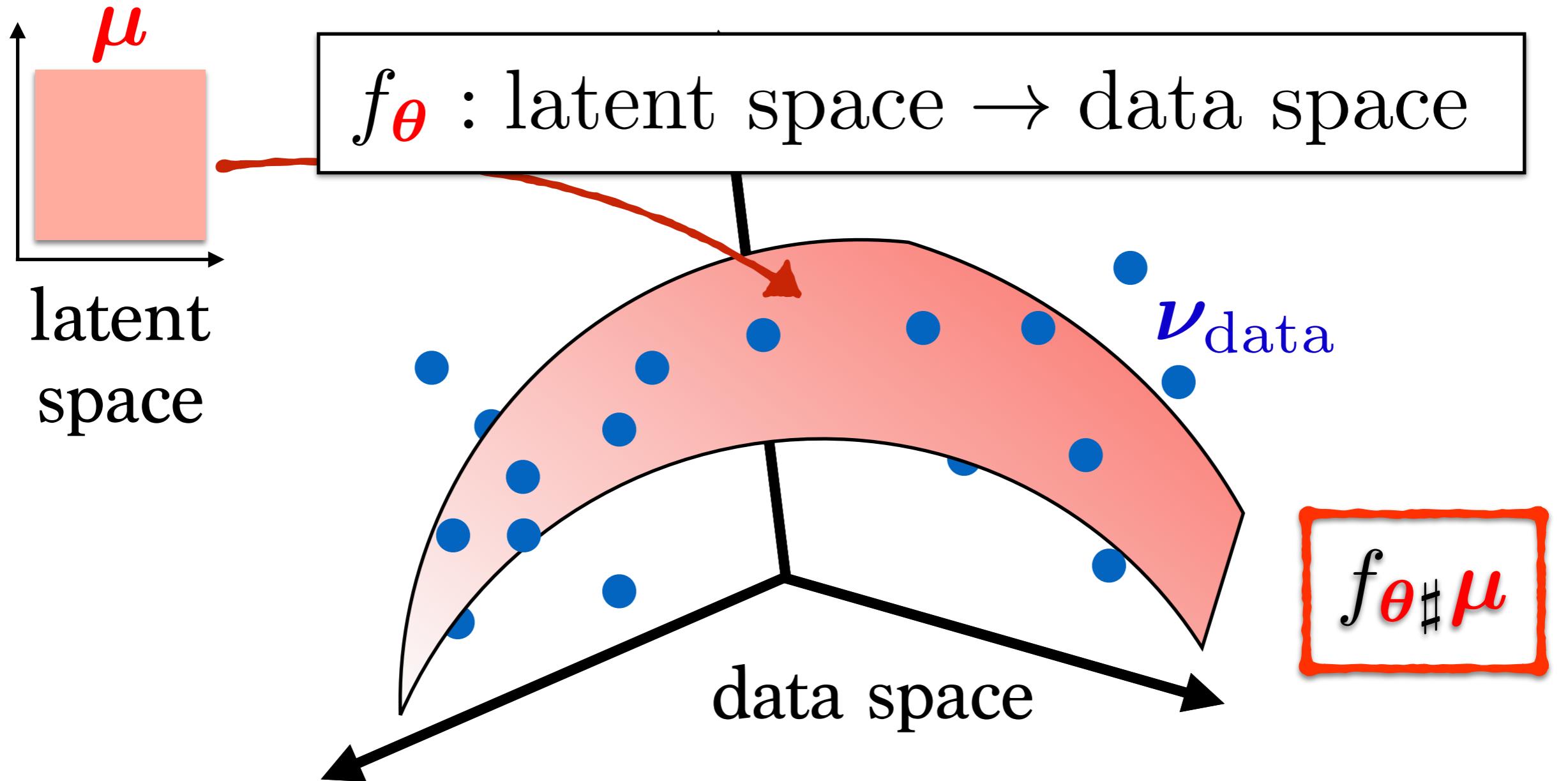
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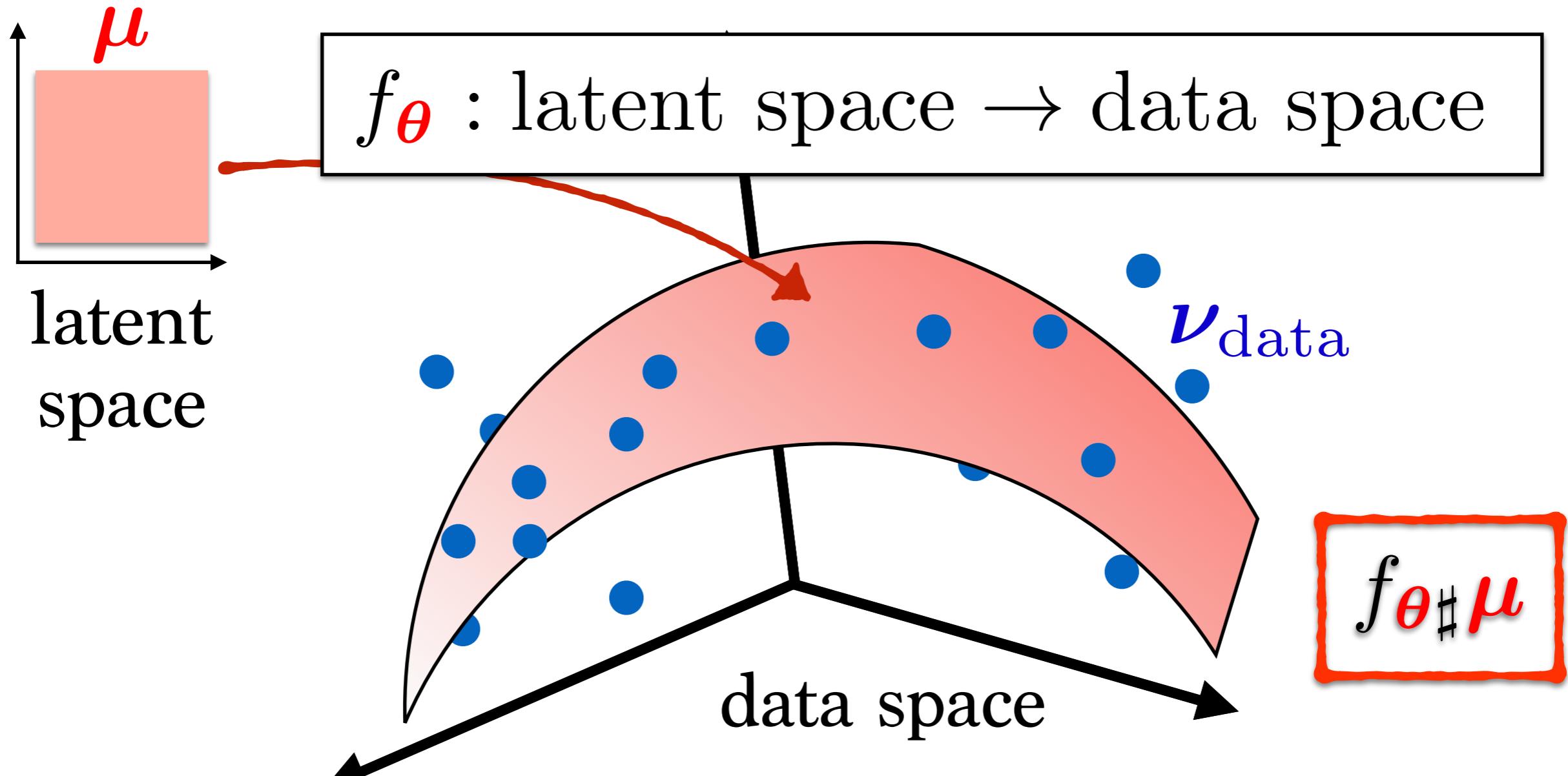


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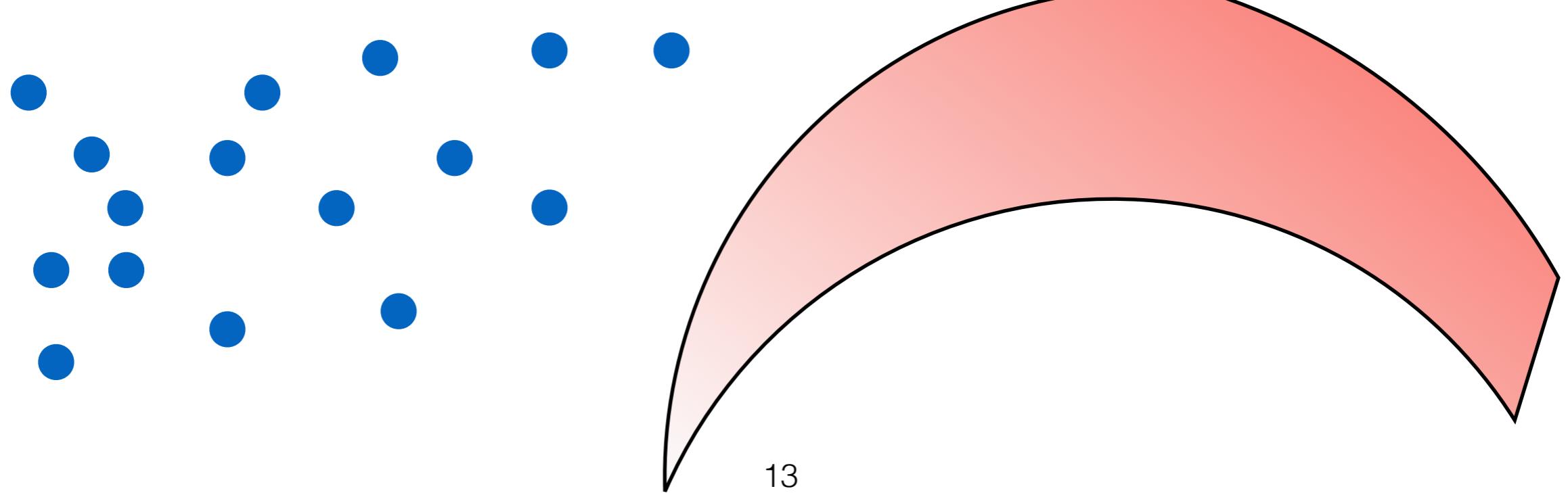


Need a more flexible discrepancy function to compare ν_{data} and $f_{\theta\sharp}\mu$

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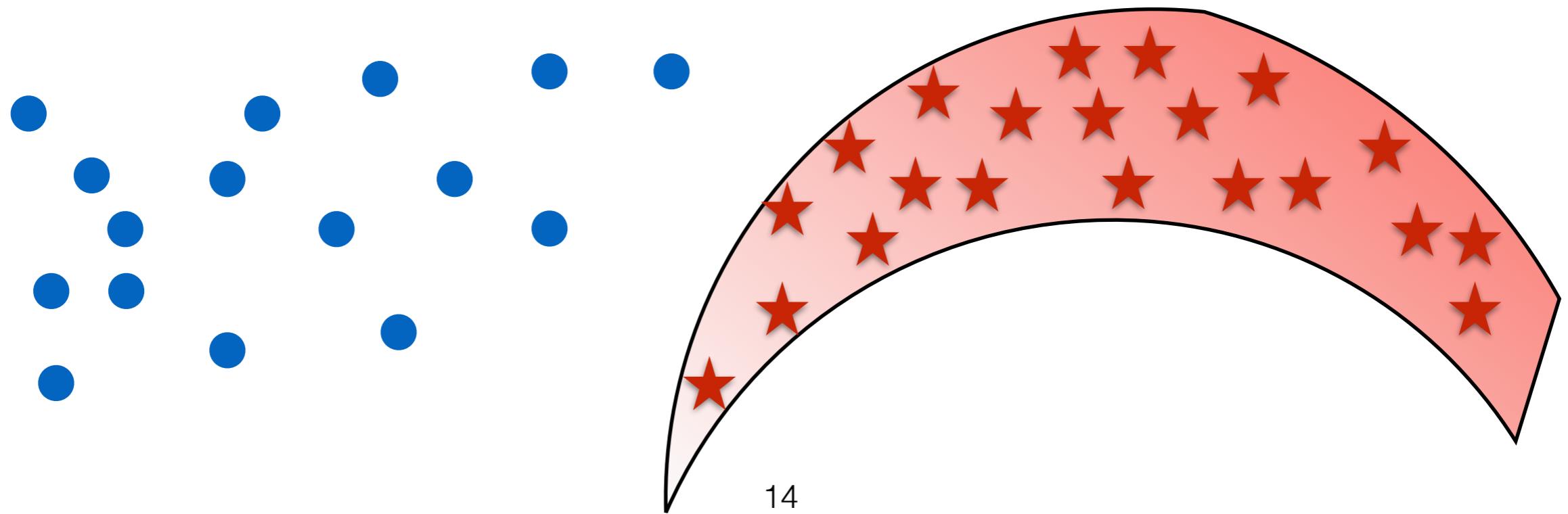
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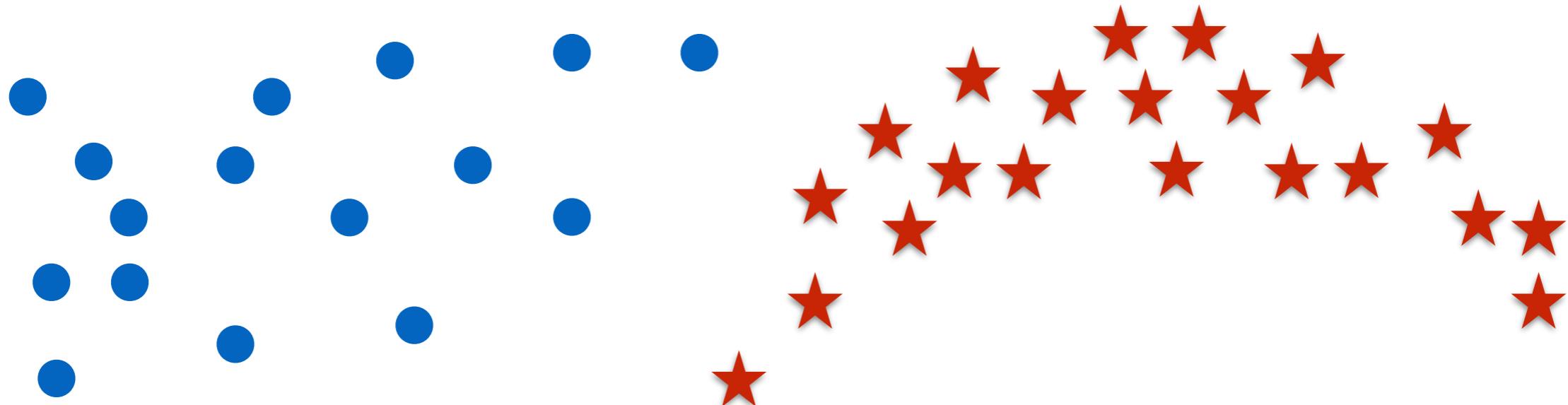
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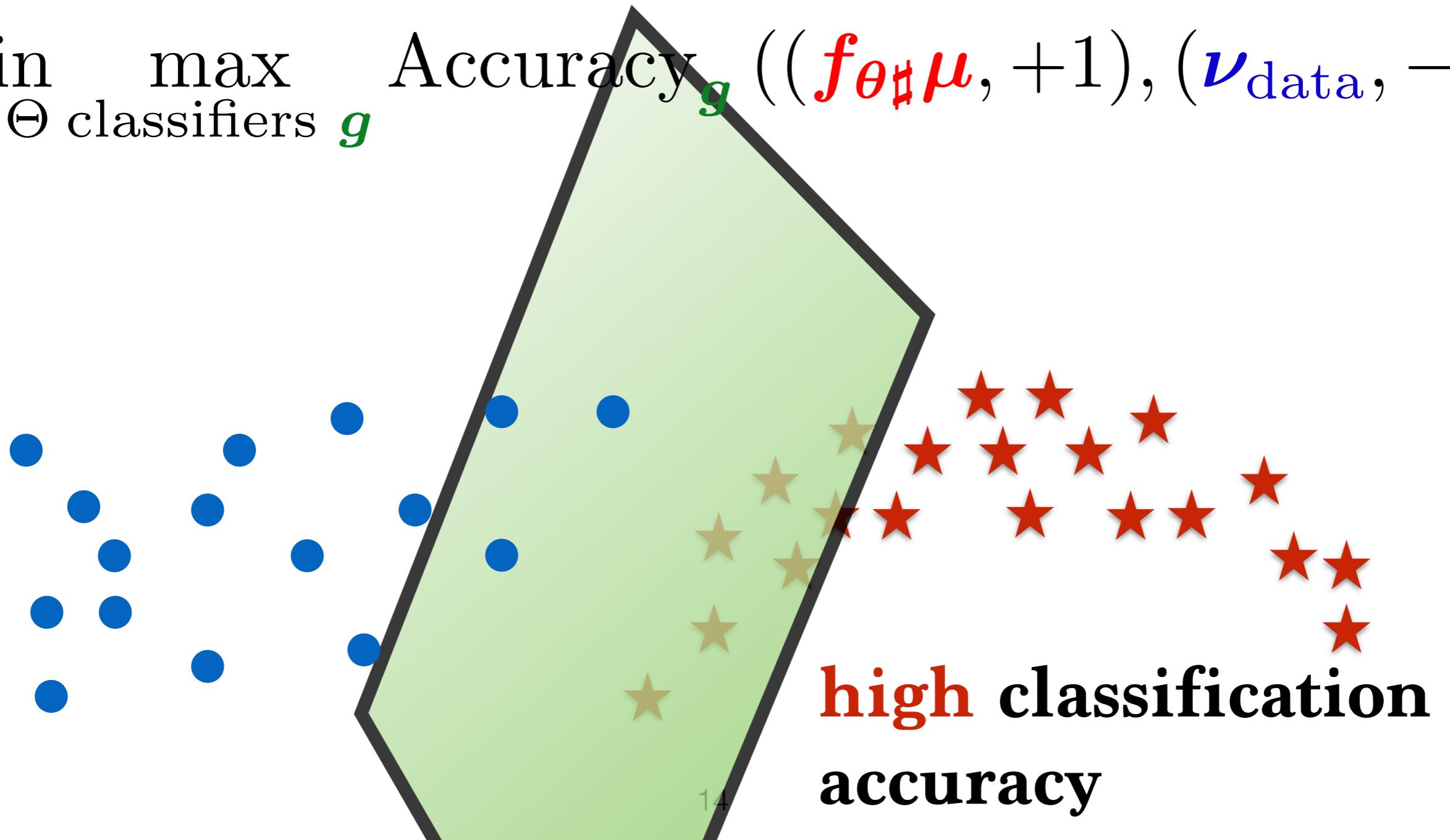
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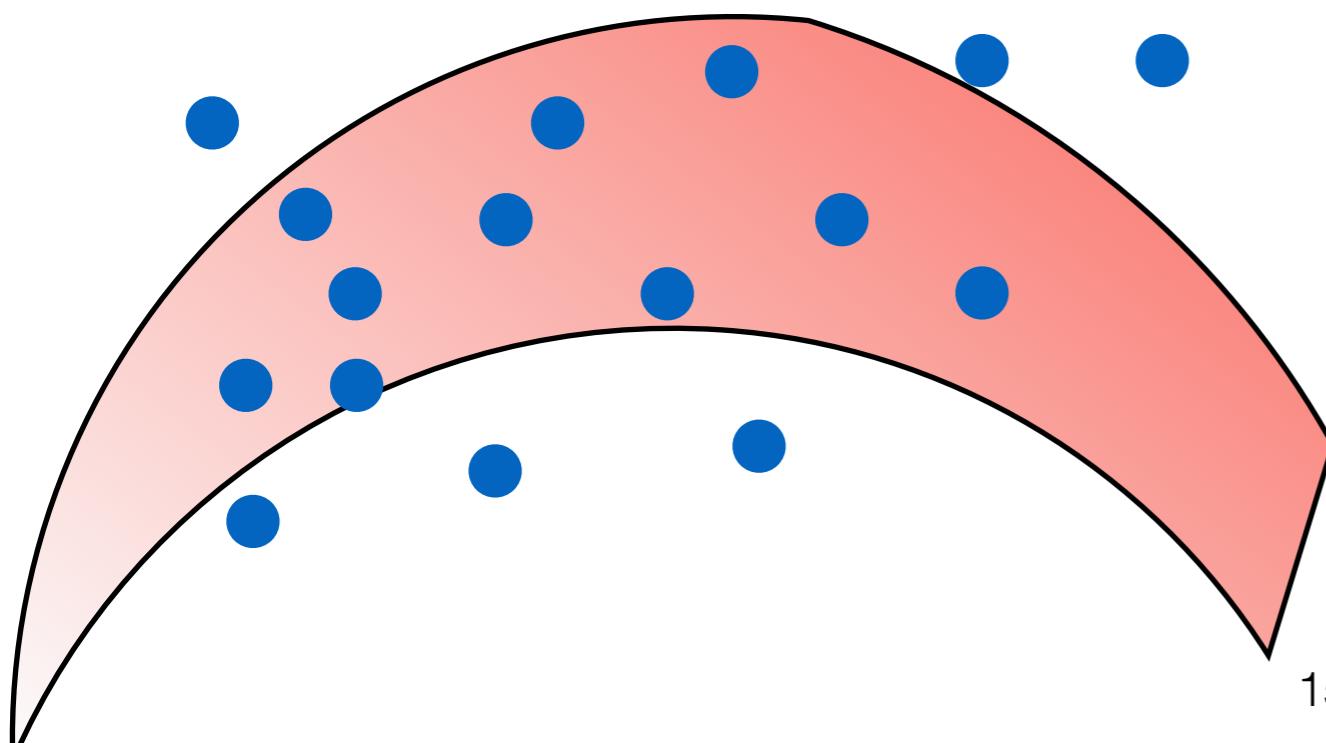
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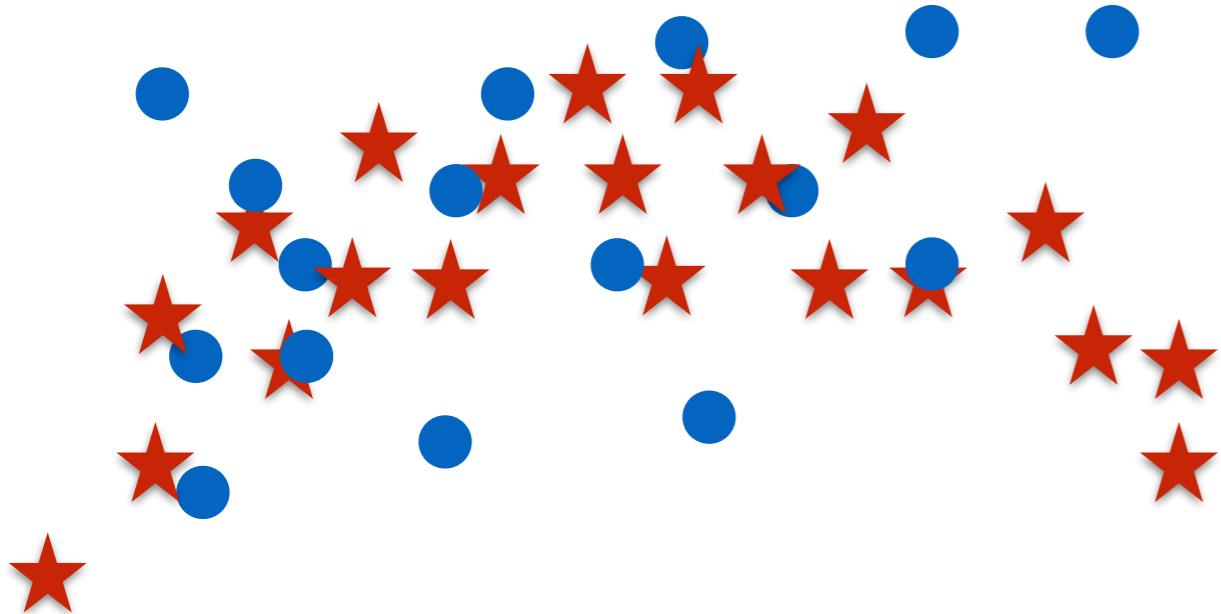
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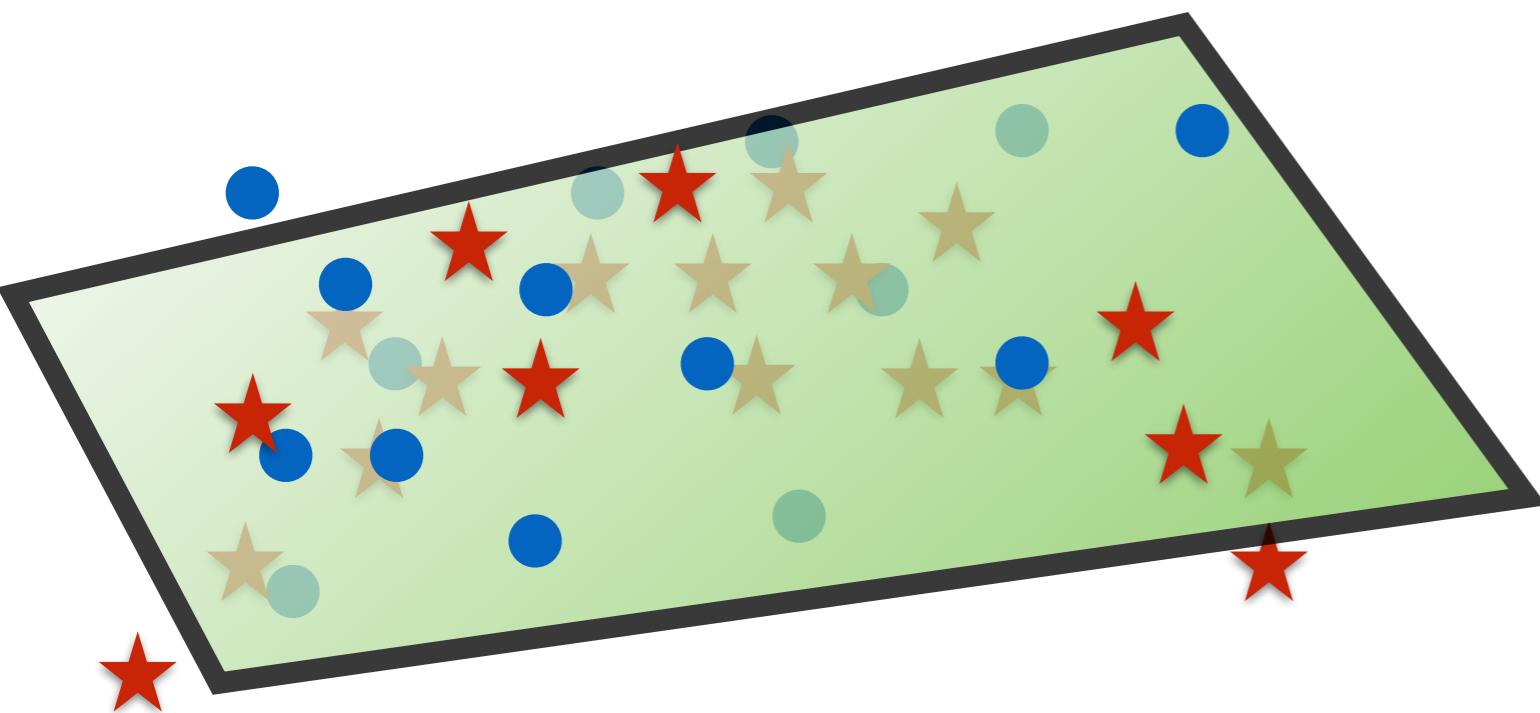
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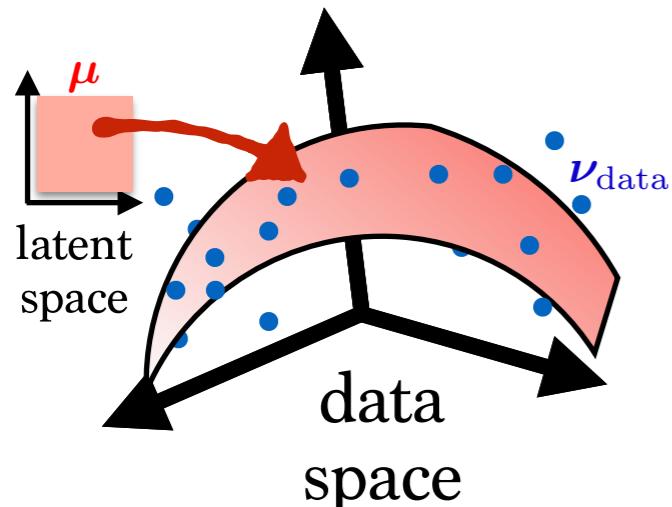
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**low classification
accuracy...
is the goal.**

Another idea?



- Use a **metric** Δ for probability measures, that can handle measures with non-overlapping supports:

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \Delta(\nu_{\text{data}}, p_{\theta}), \quad \text{not } \min_{\theta \in \Theta} \text{KL}(\nu_{\text{data}} \| p_{\theta})$$

Minimum Δ Estimation

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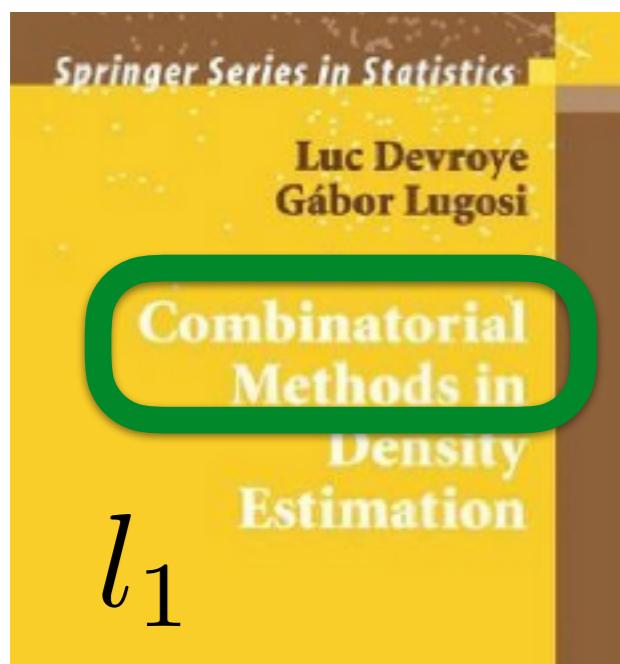
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Minimum Kantorovich Estimation

- Optimal transport theory! namely *Wasserstein distances* to define discrepancy Δ .

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} W(\nu_{\text{data}}, f_{\theta \sharp} \mu)$$

- Building on the shoulders of mathematicians...



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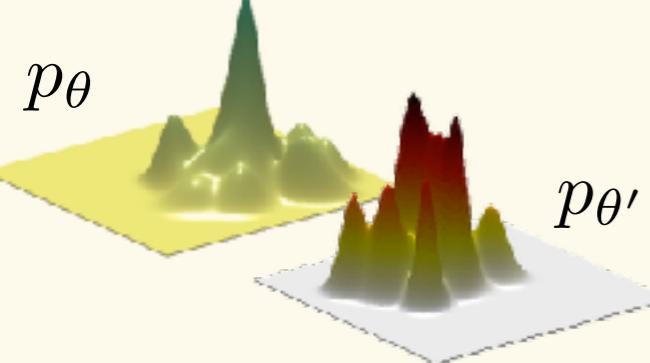
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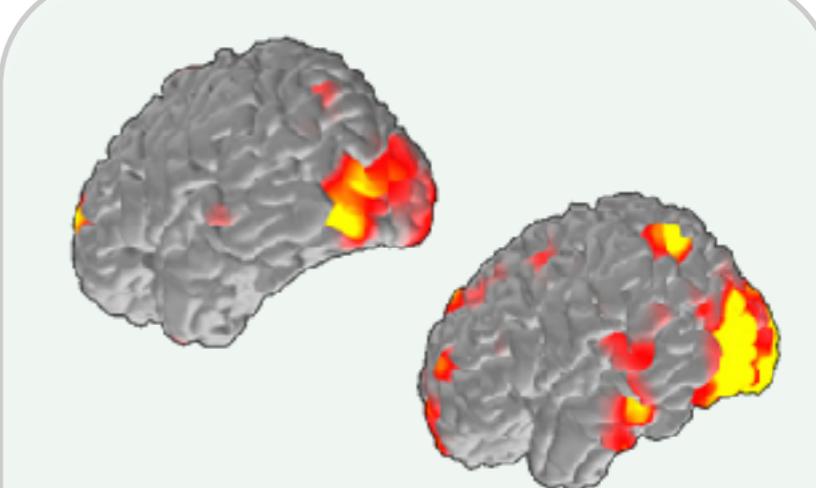
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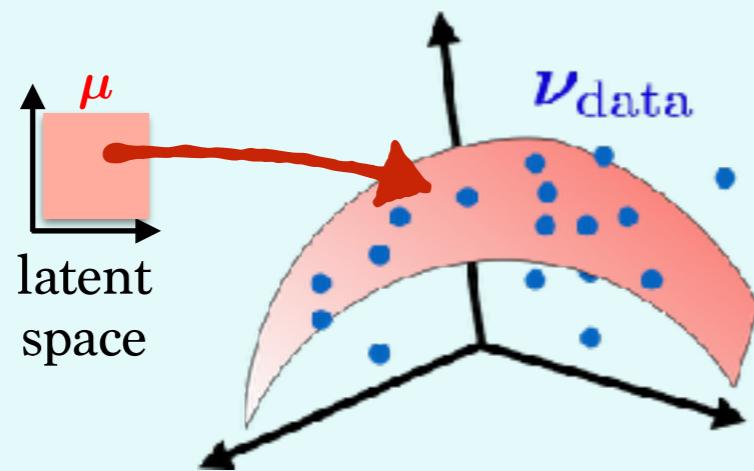


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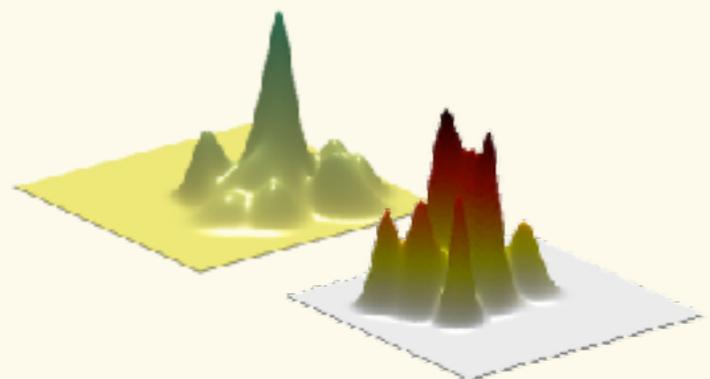
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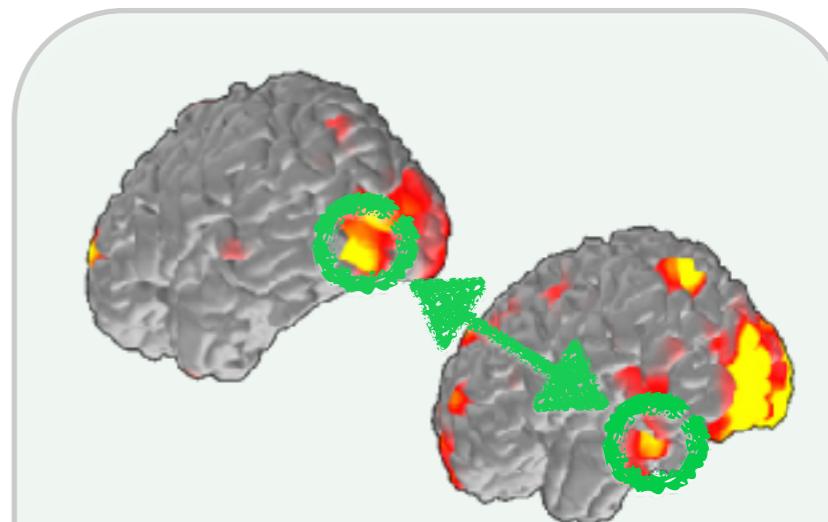
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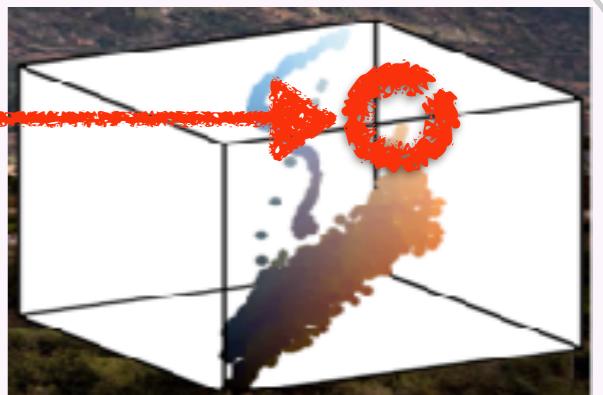
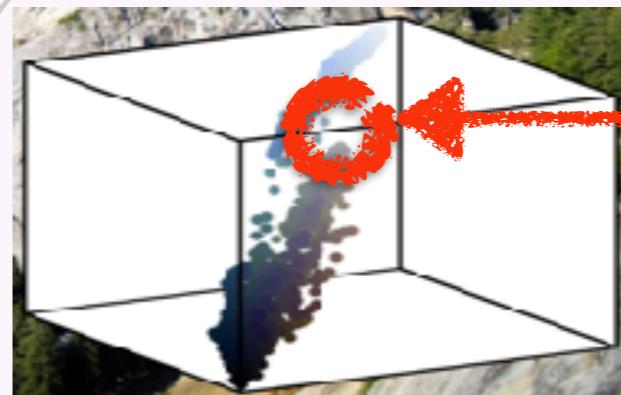
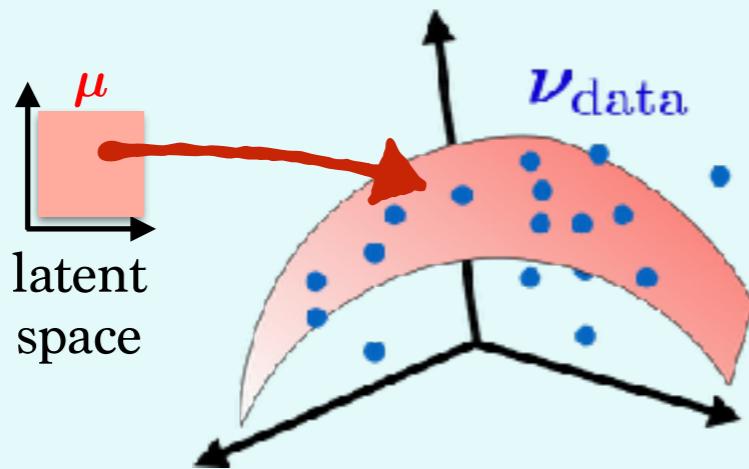


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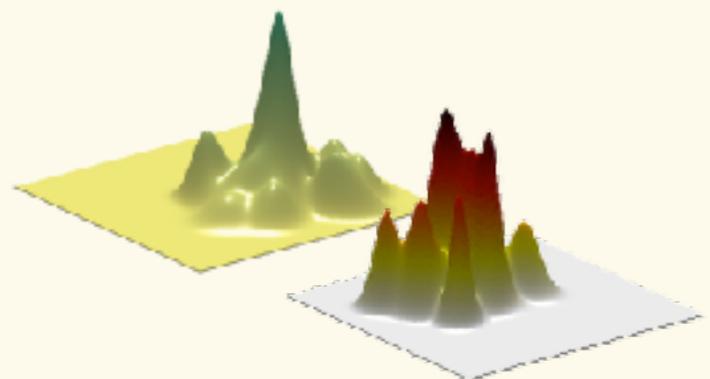
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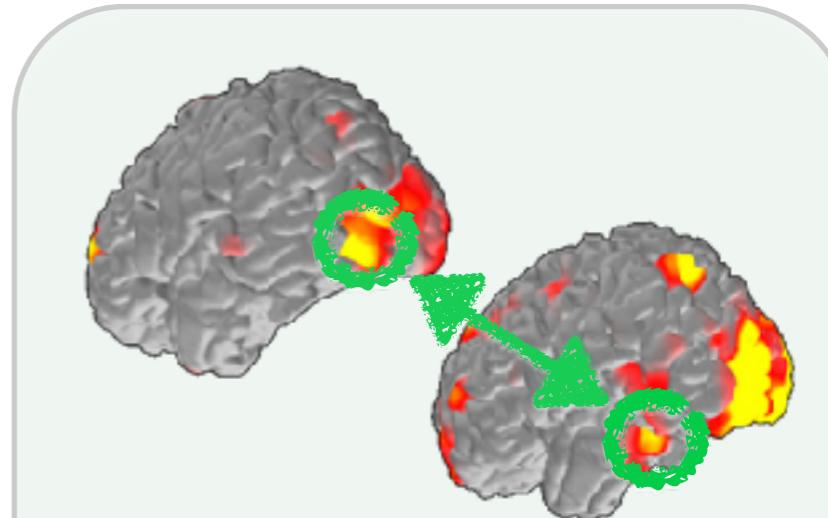
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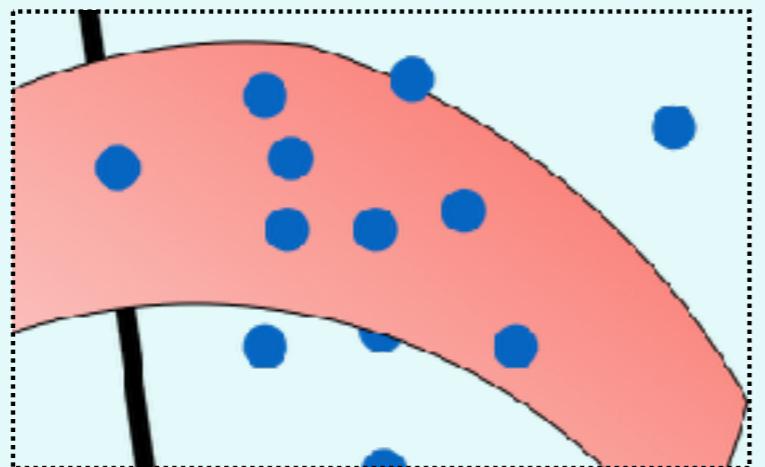
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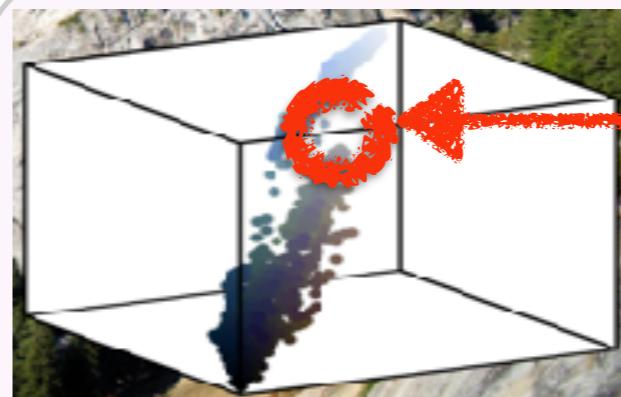
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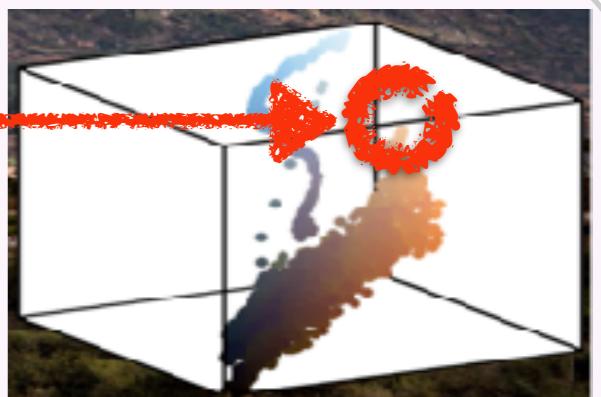
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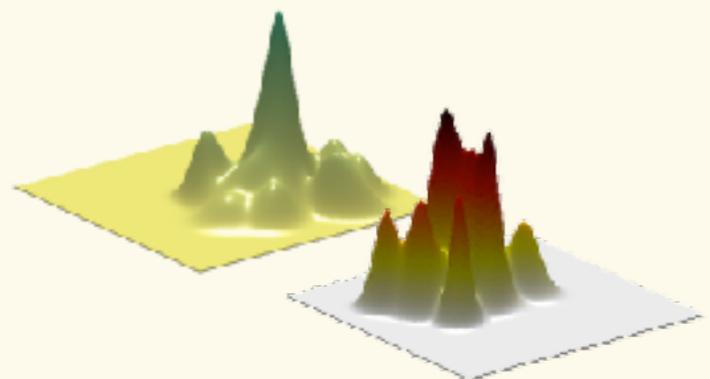


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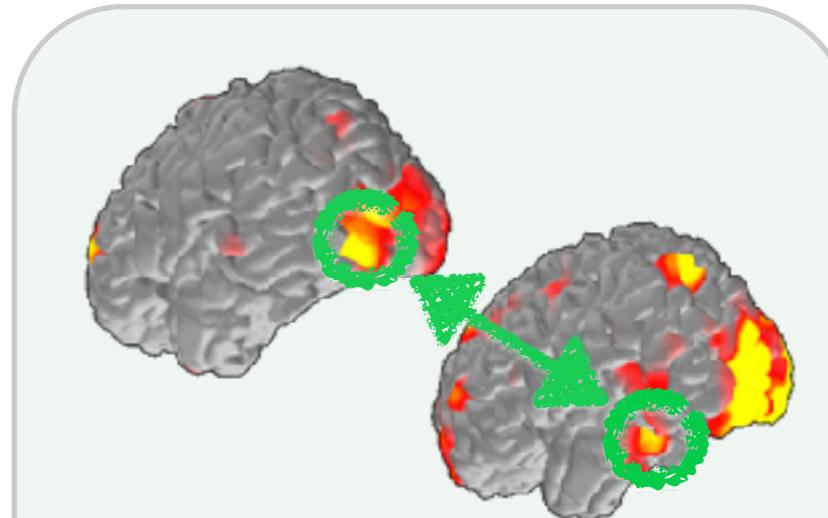
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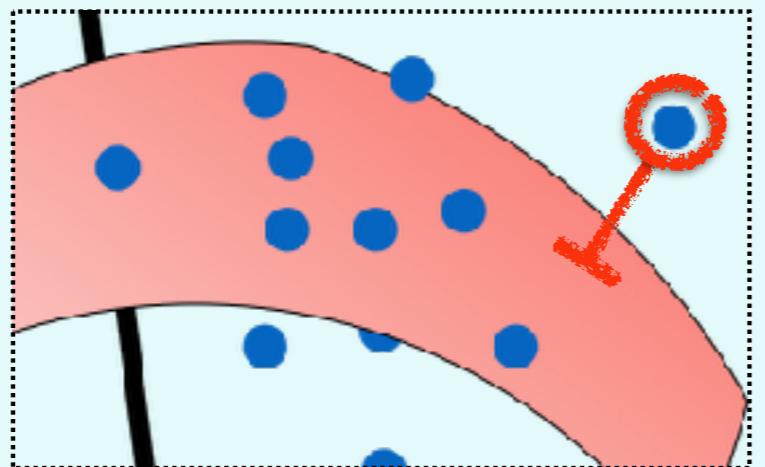
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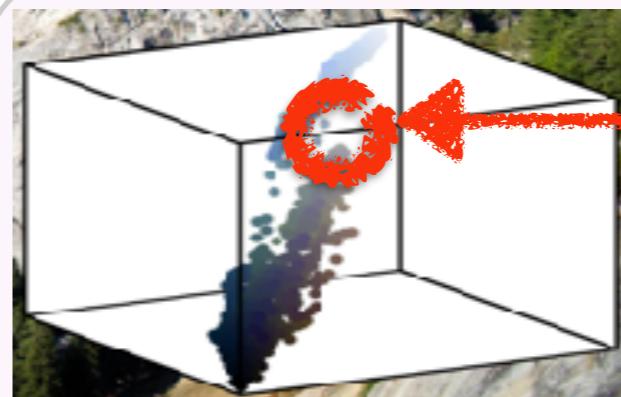
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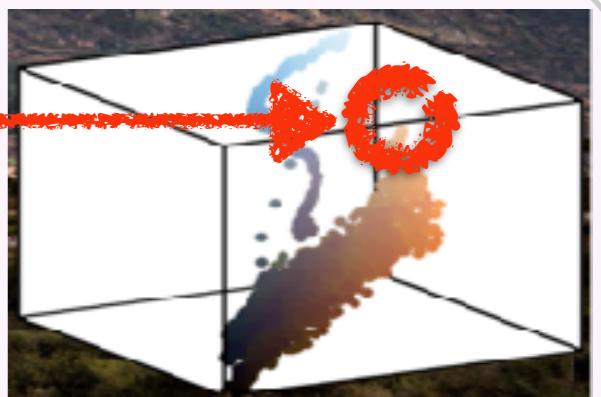
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1. Introduction to optimal transport
2. Computing OT exactly
3. Computing OT for data sciences
4. Some Applications

Introduction to OT

- Two examples: moving earth & soldiers
- Monge problem, Kantorovich problem
- OT as geometry, OT as a loss function

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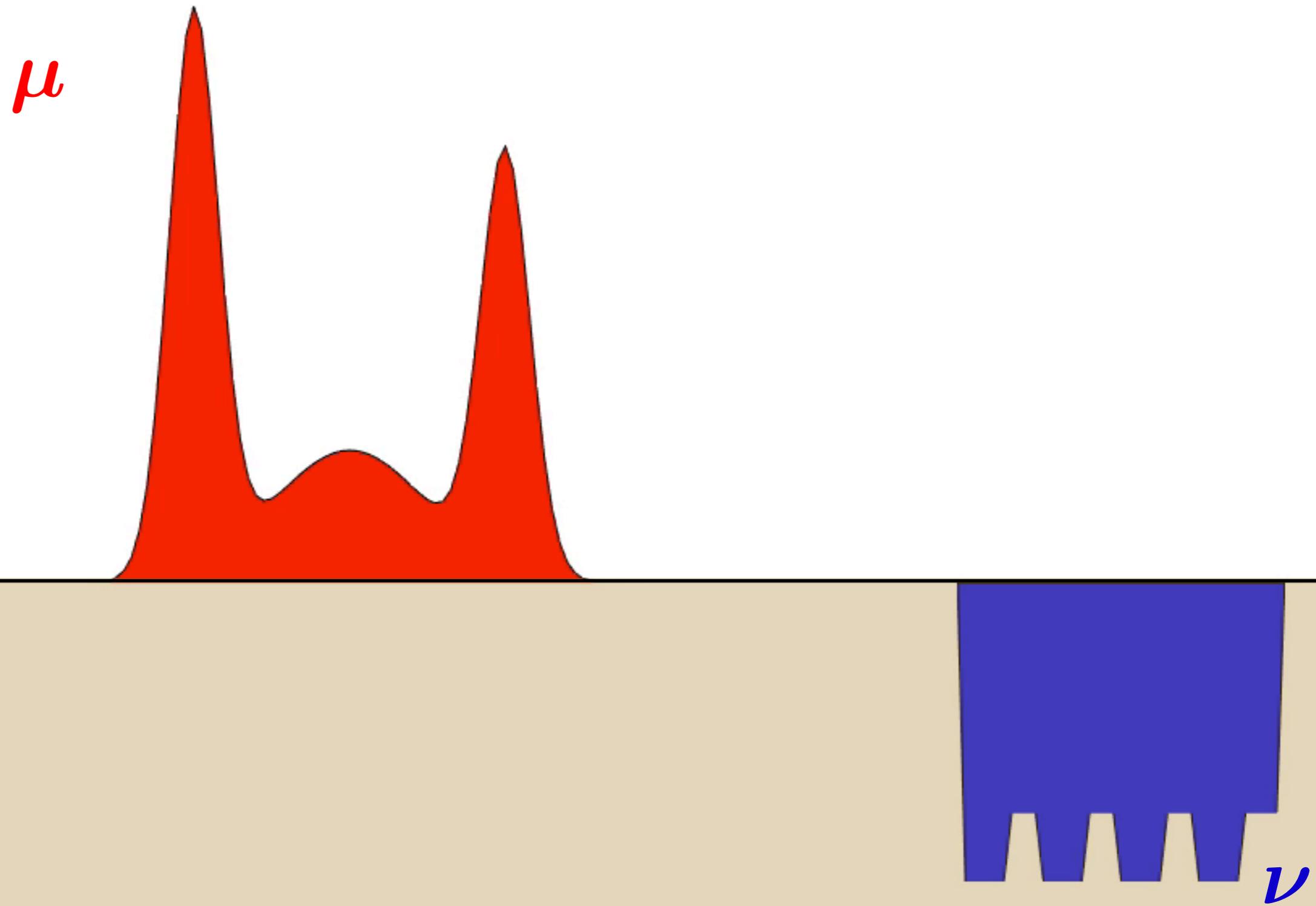
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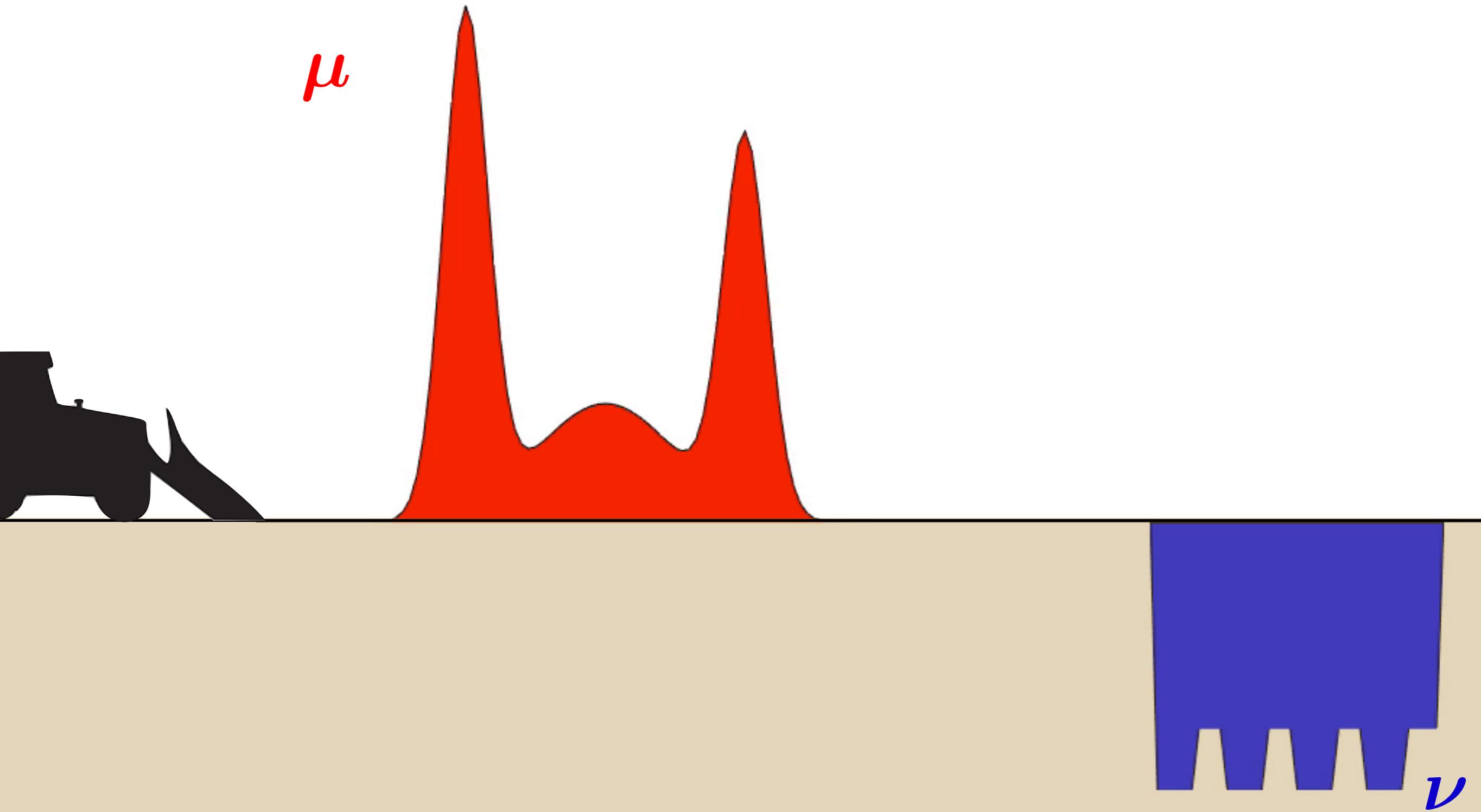
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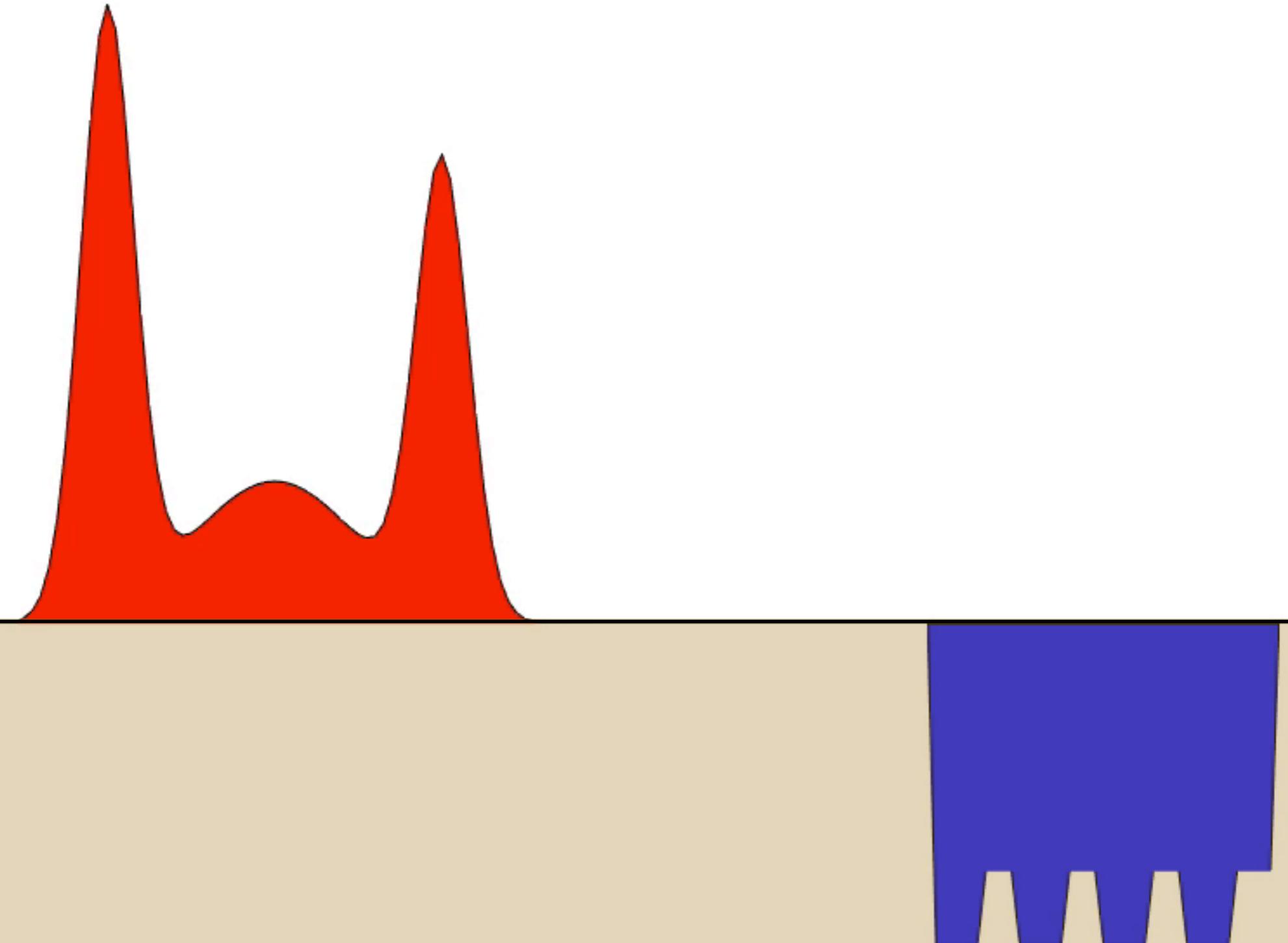
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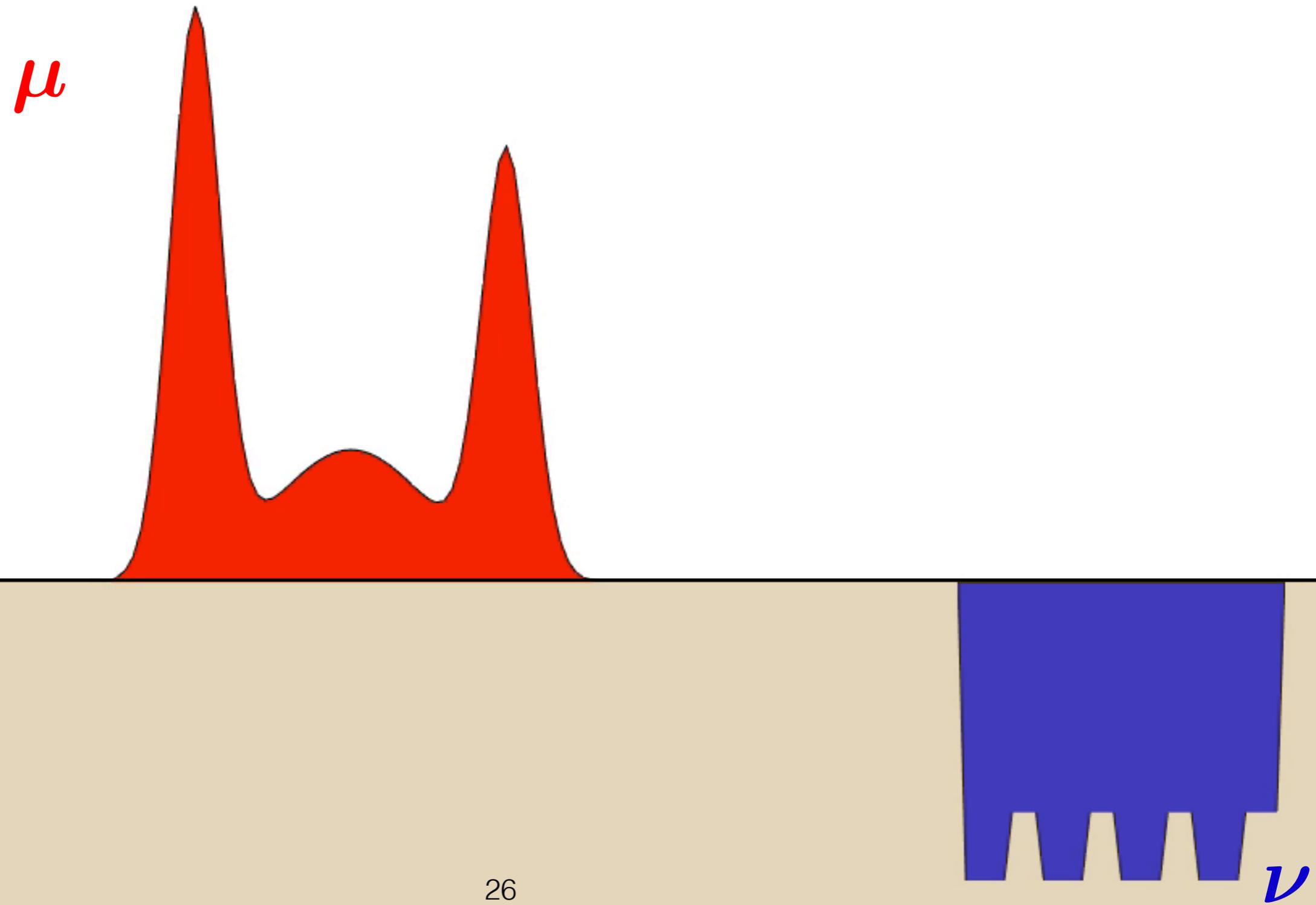
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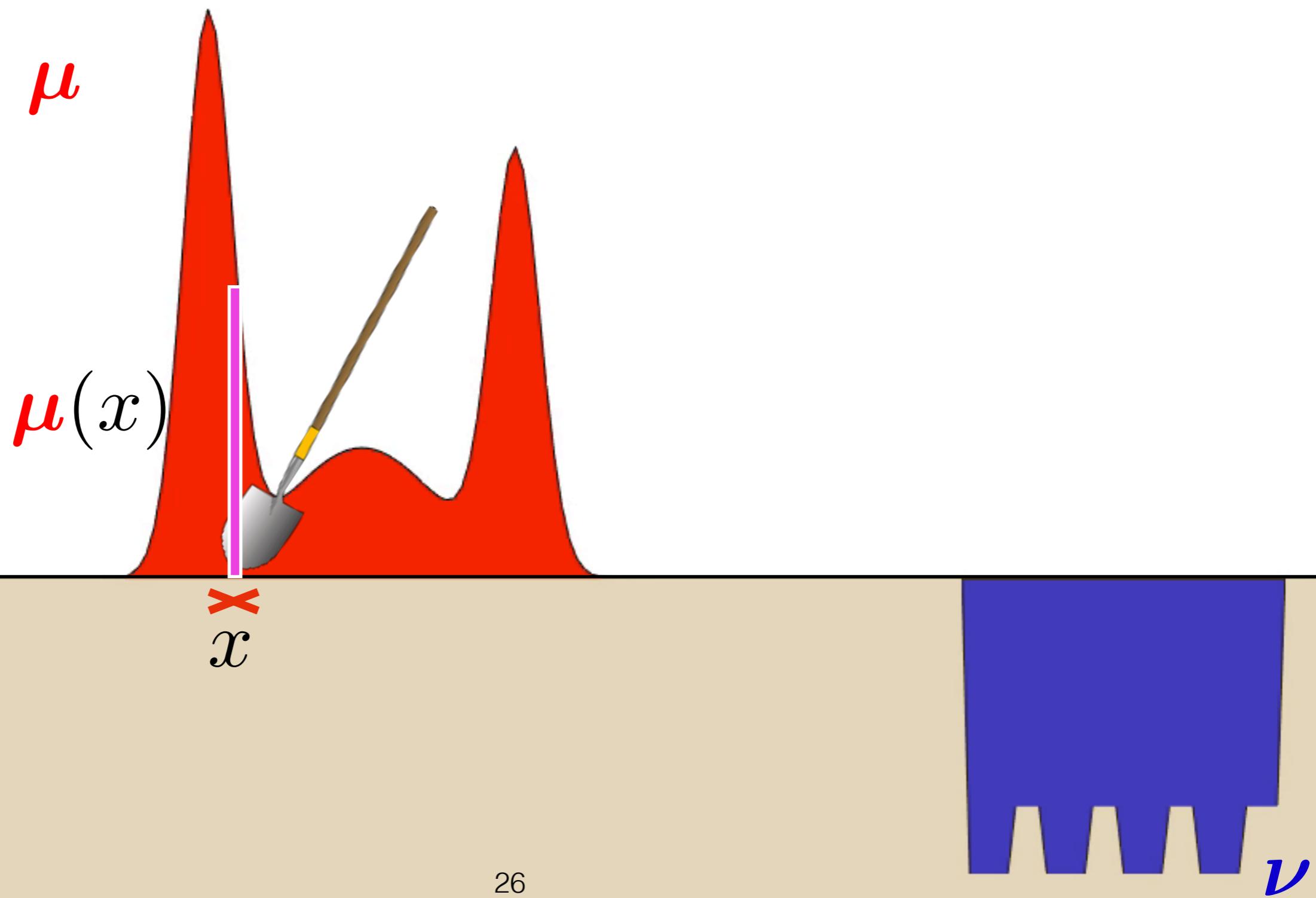
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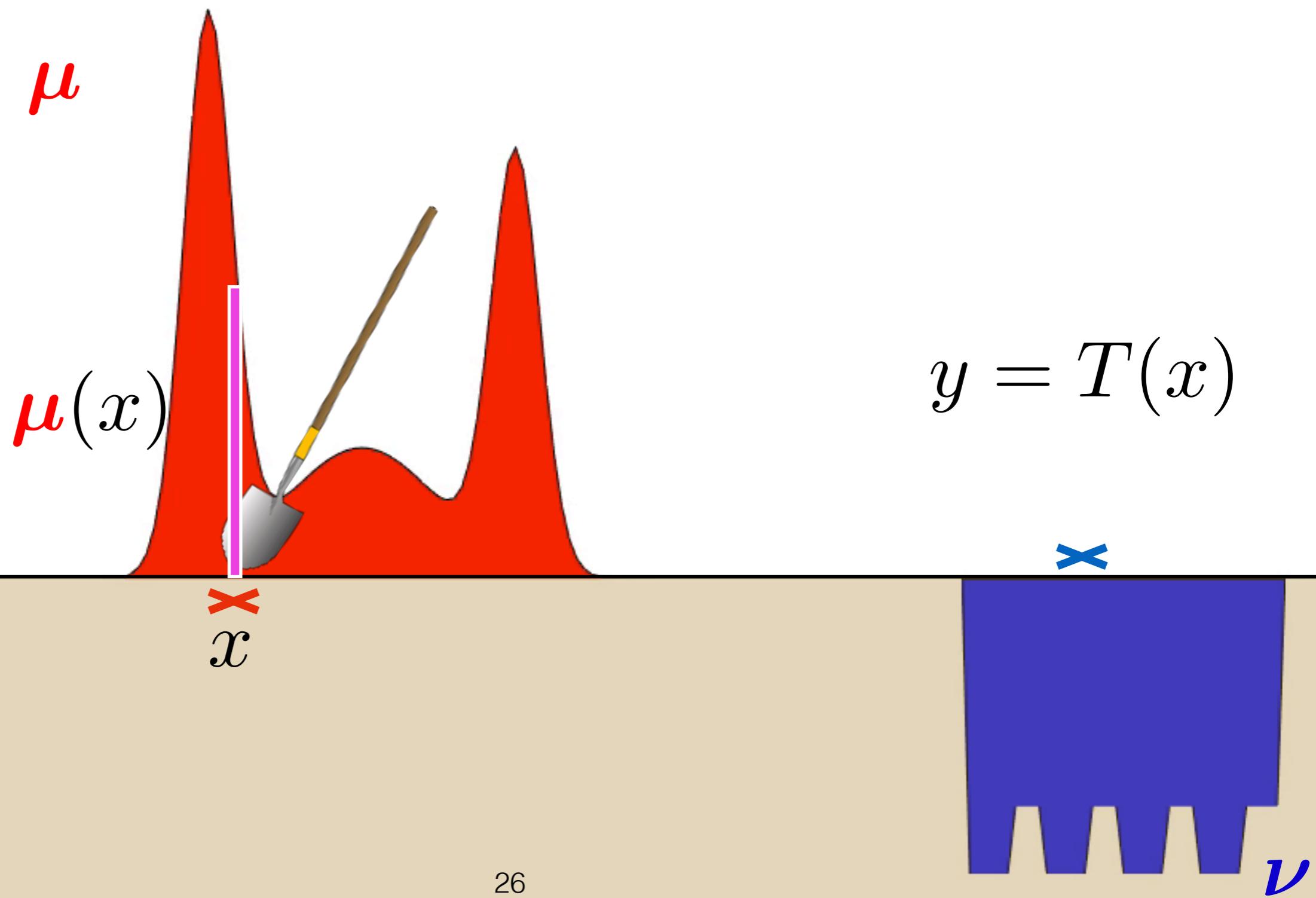
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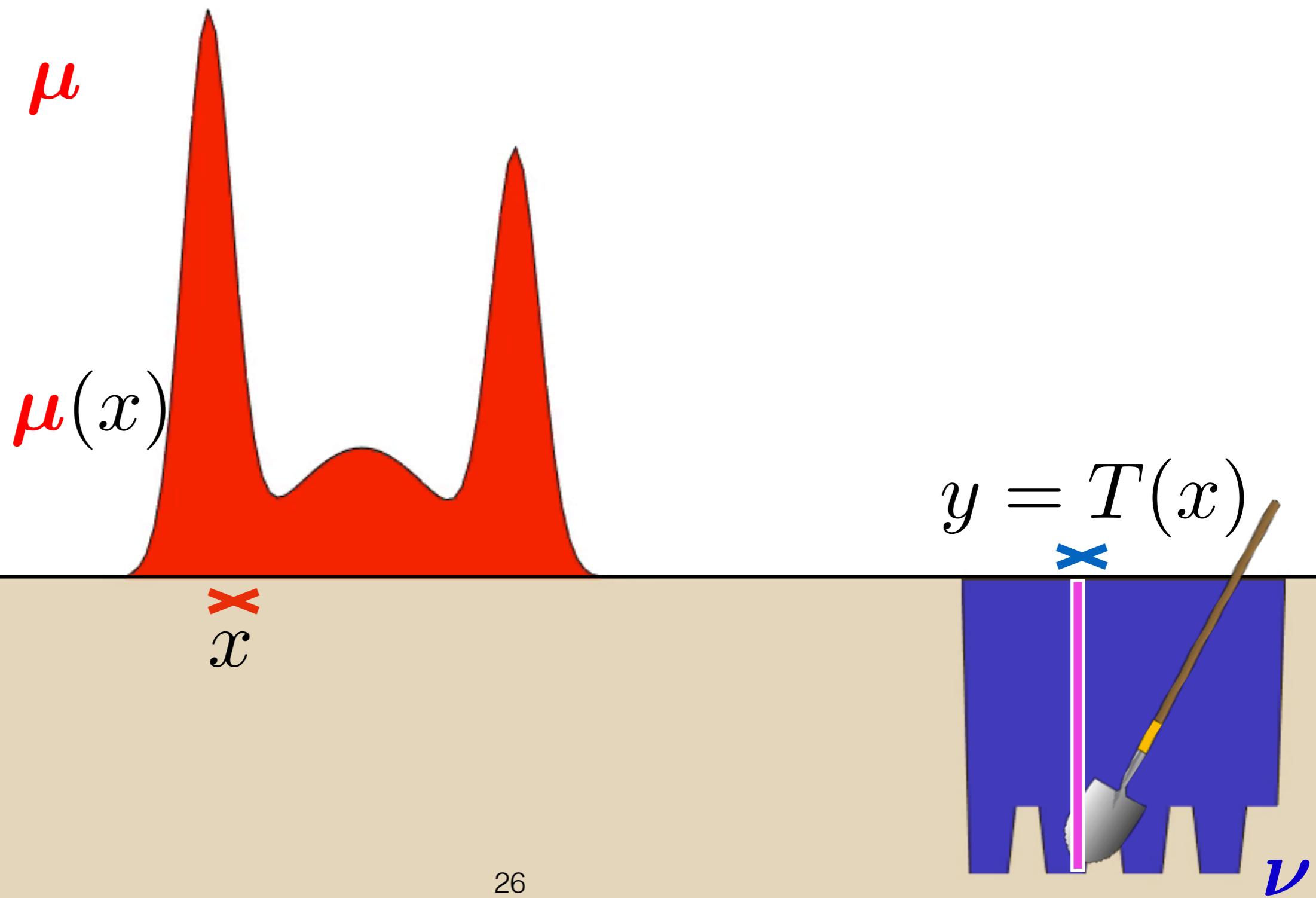
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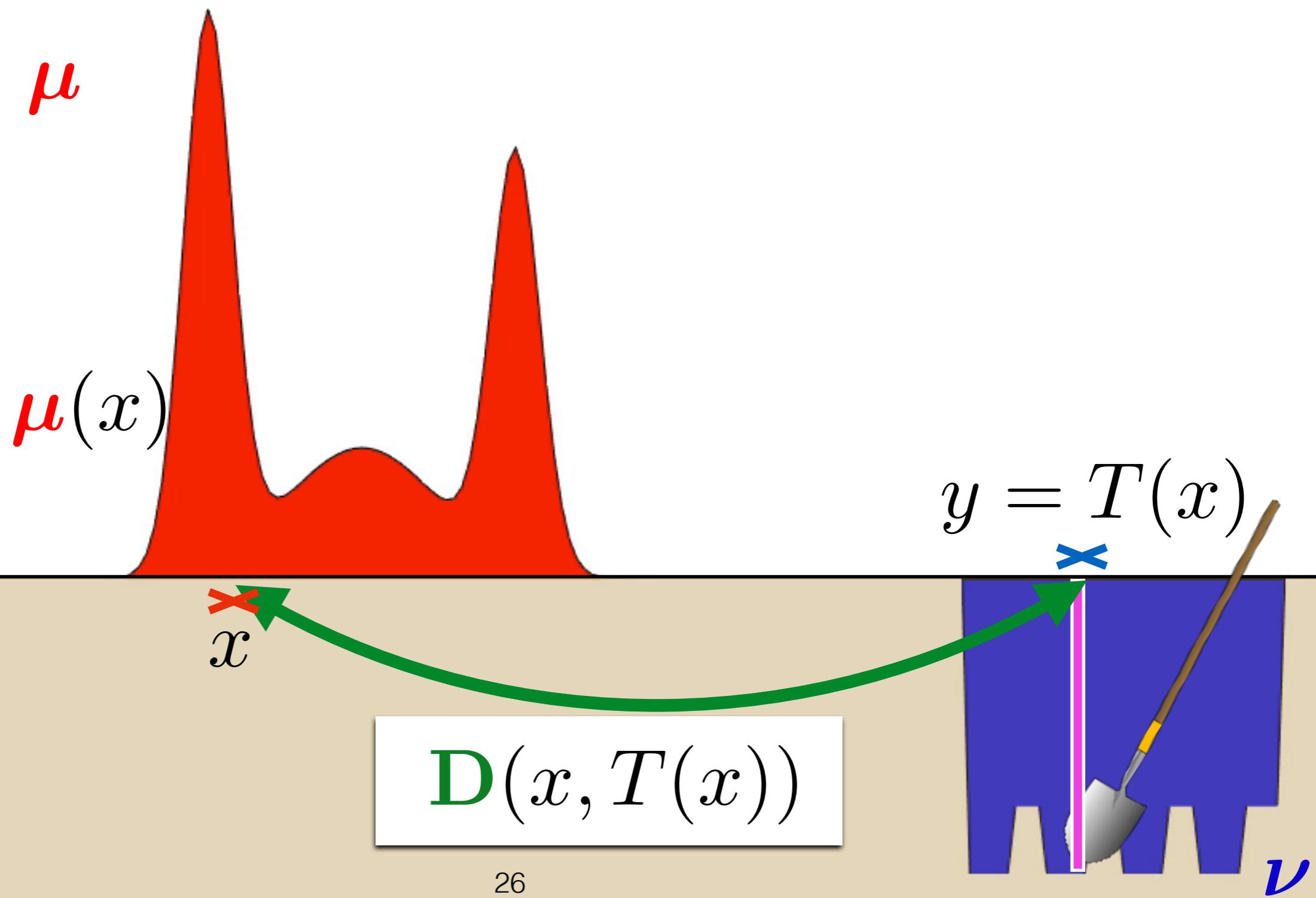
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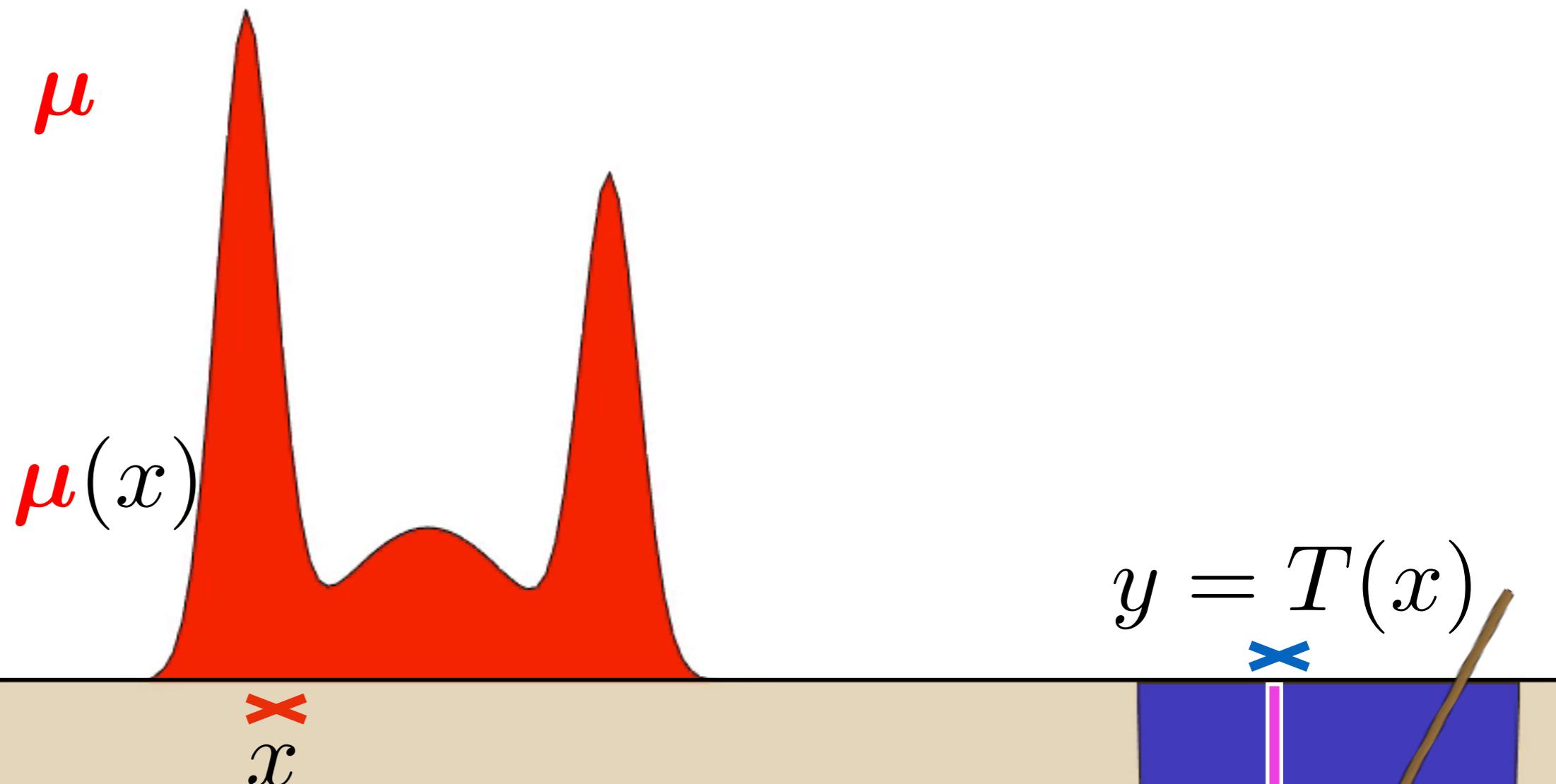
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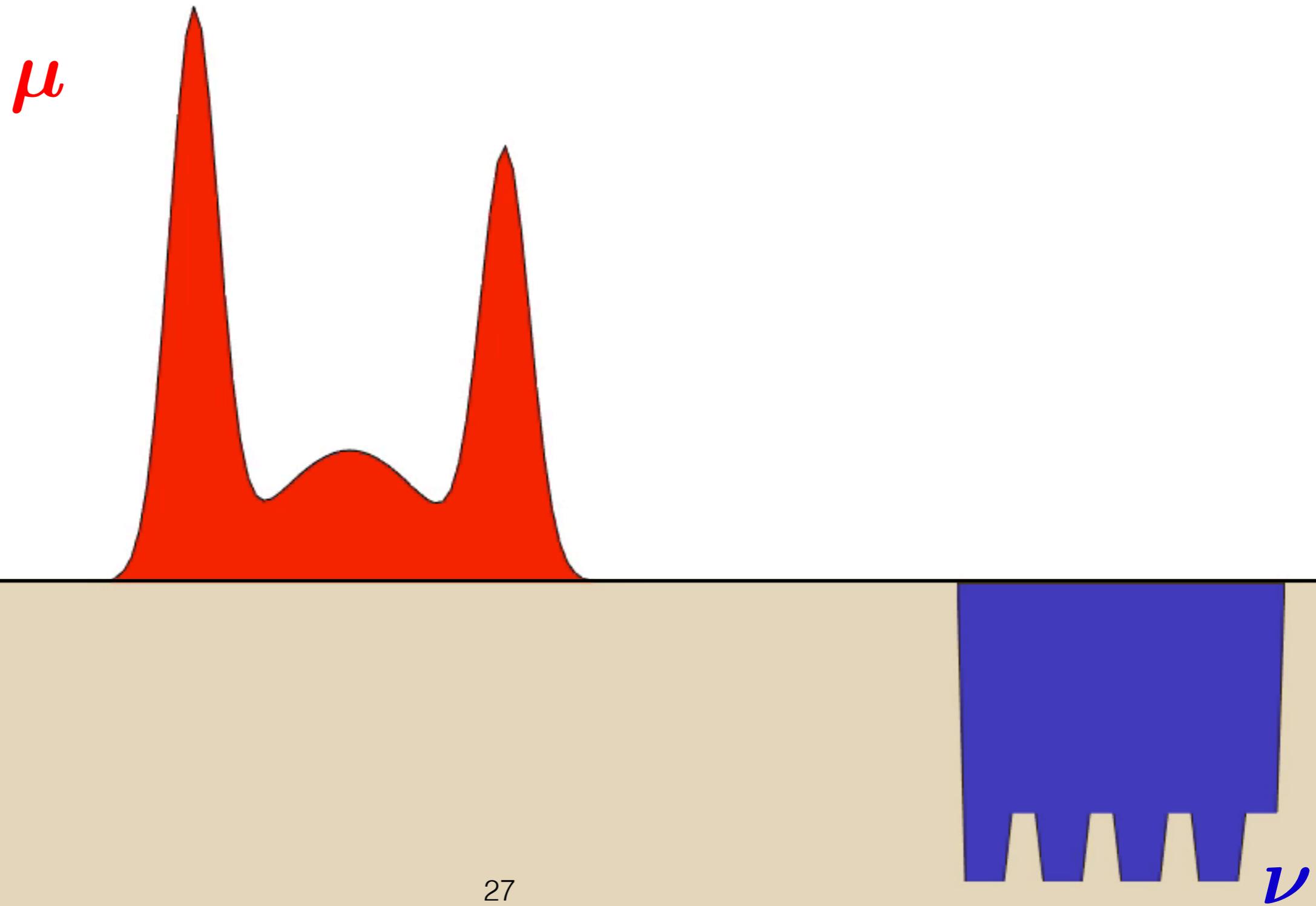
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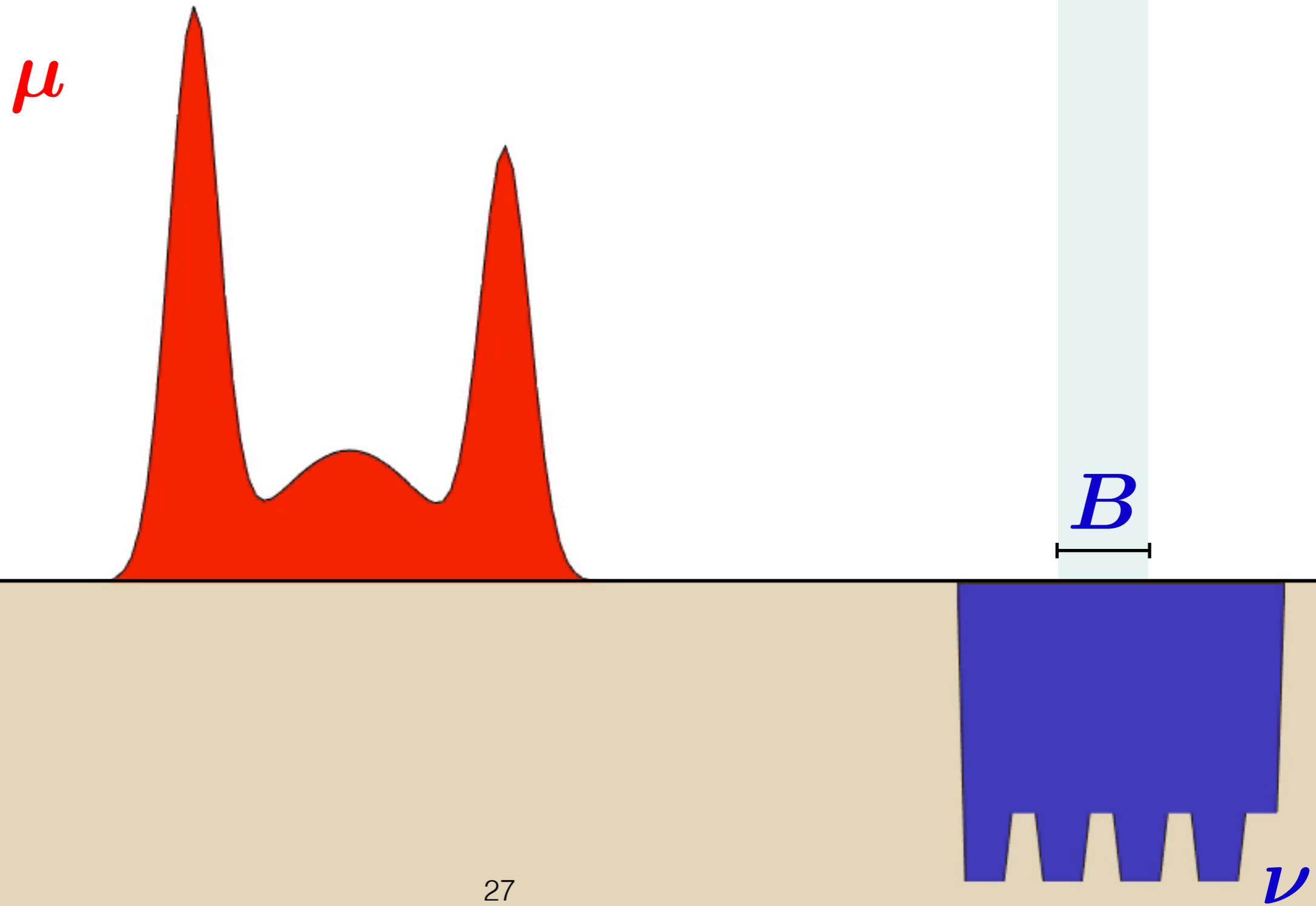
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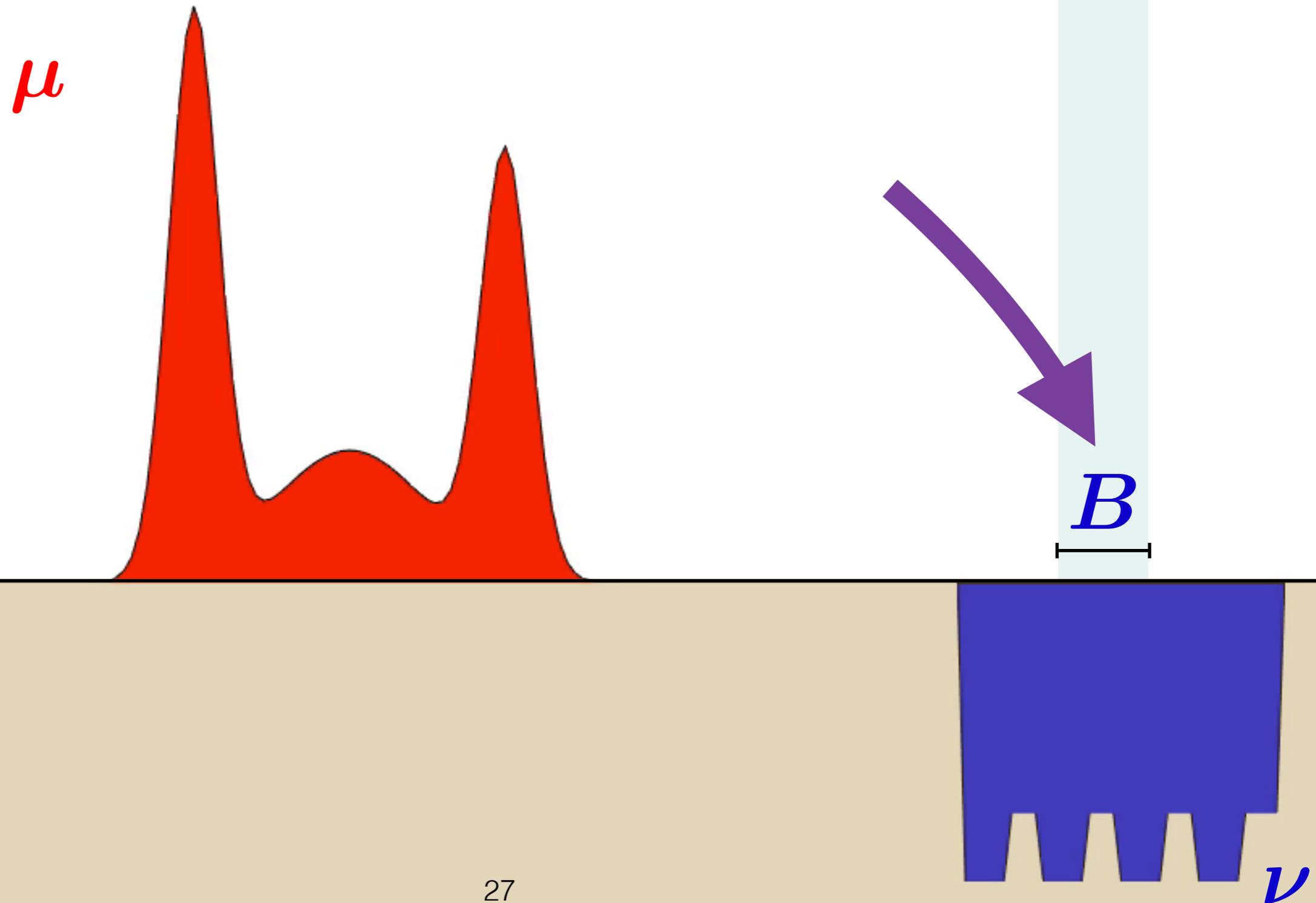
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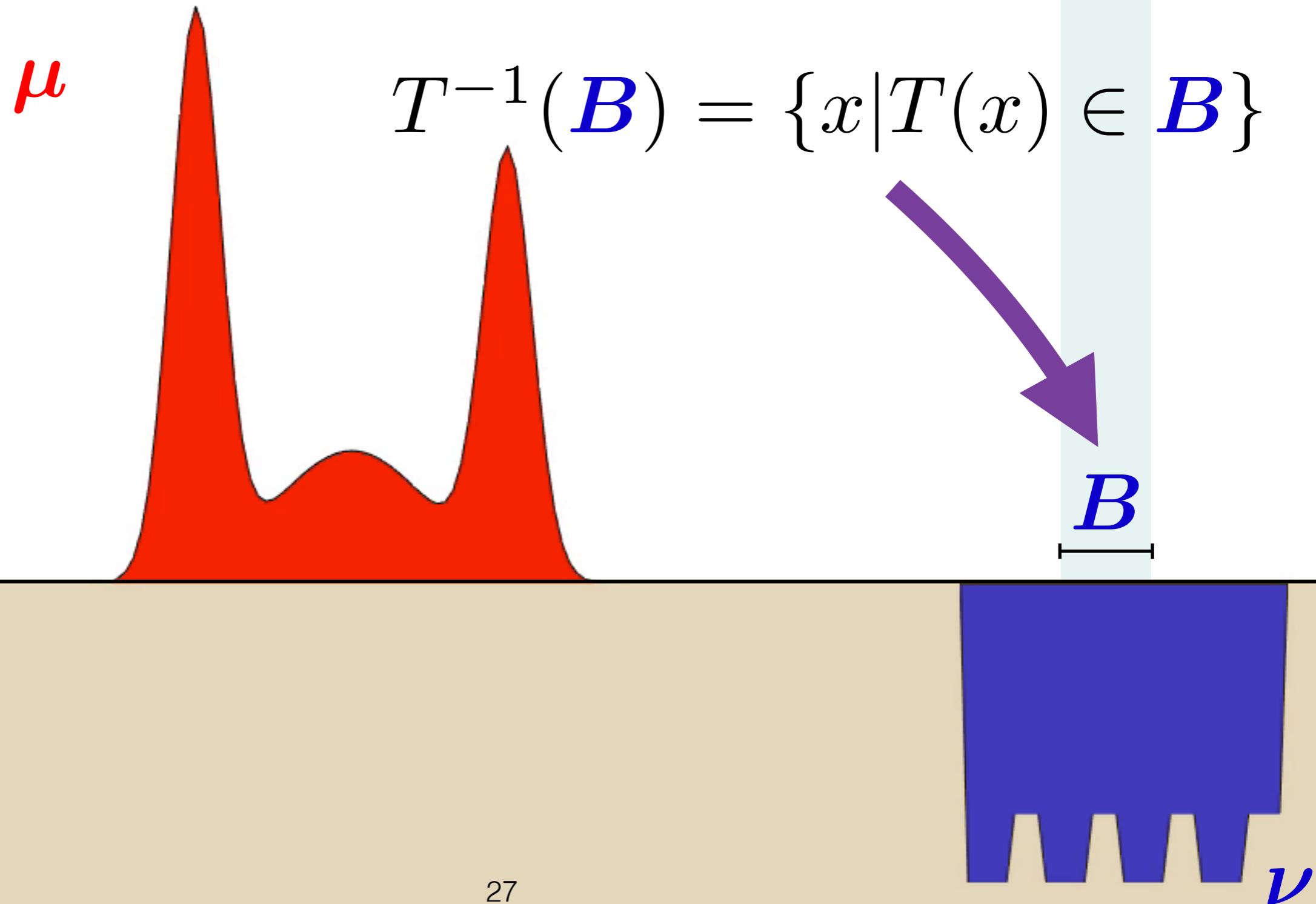
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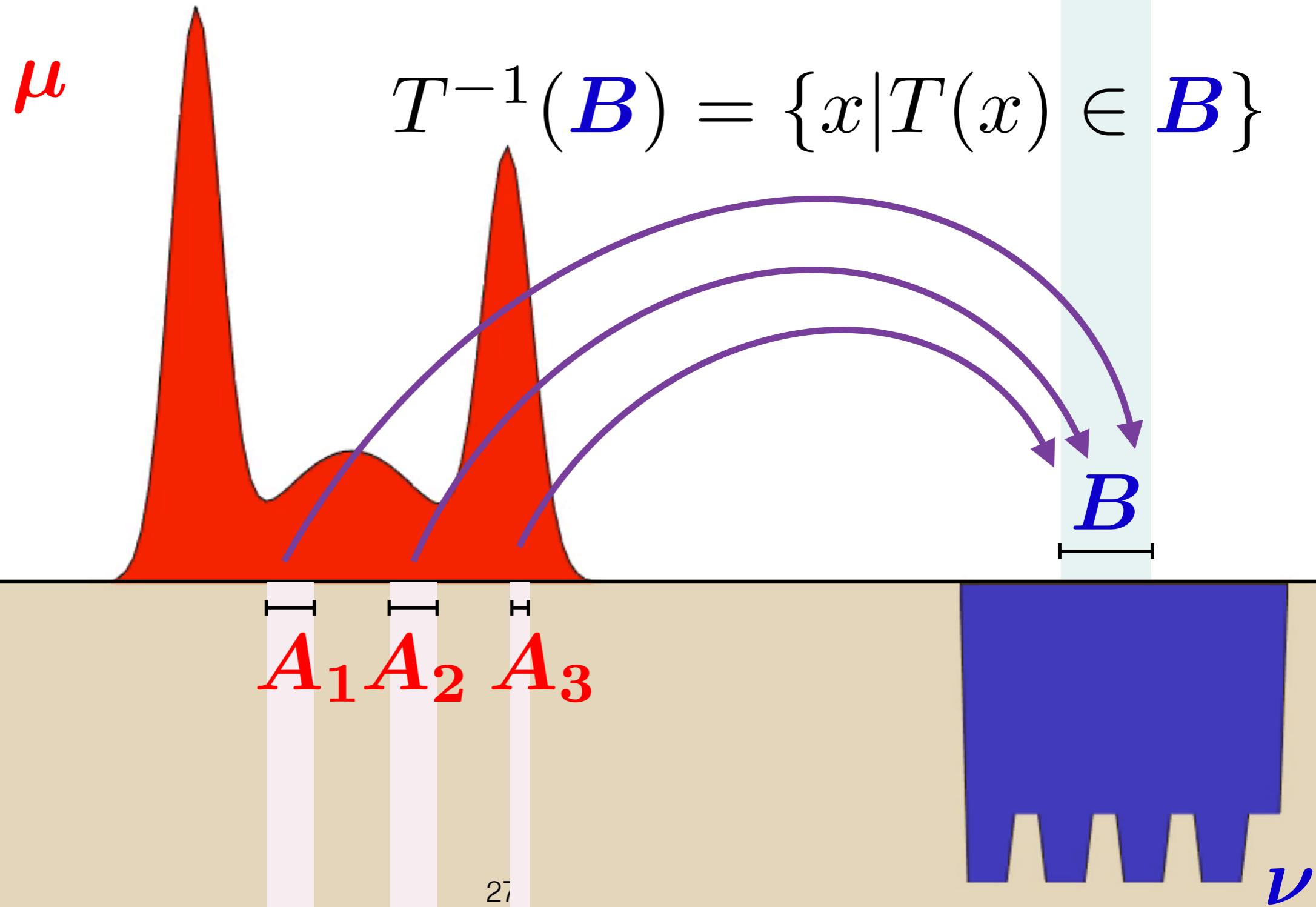
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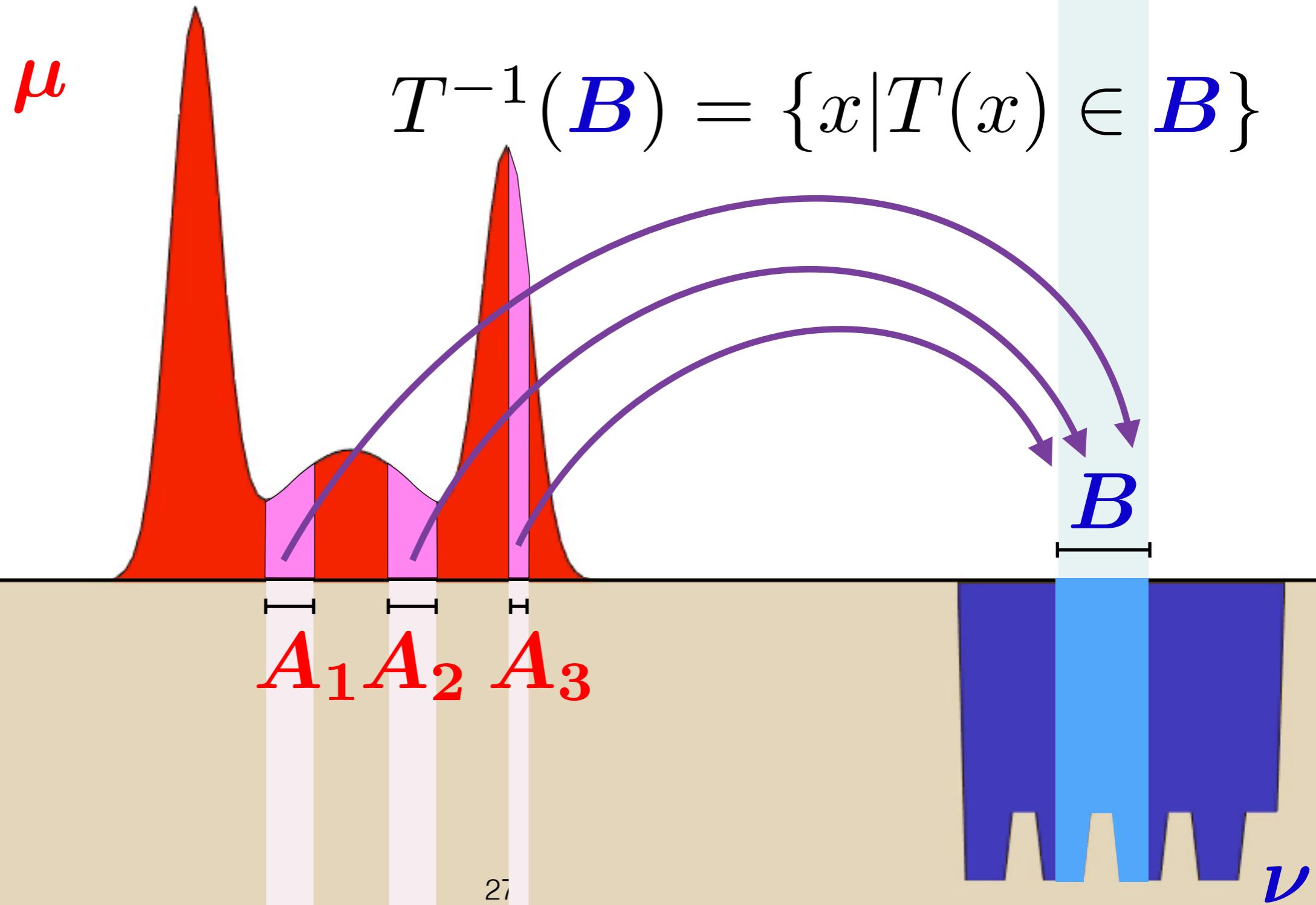
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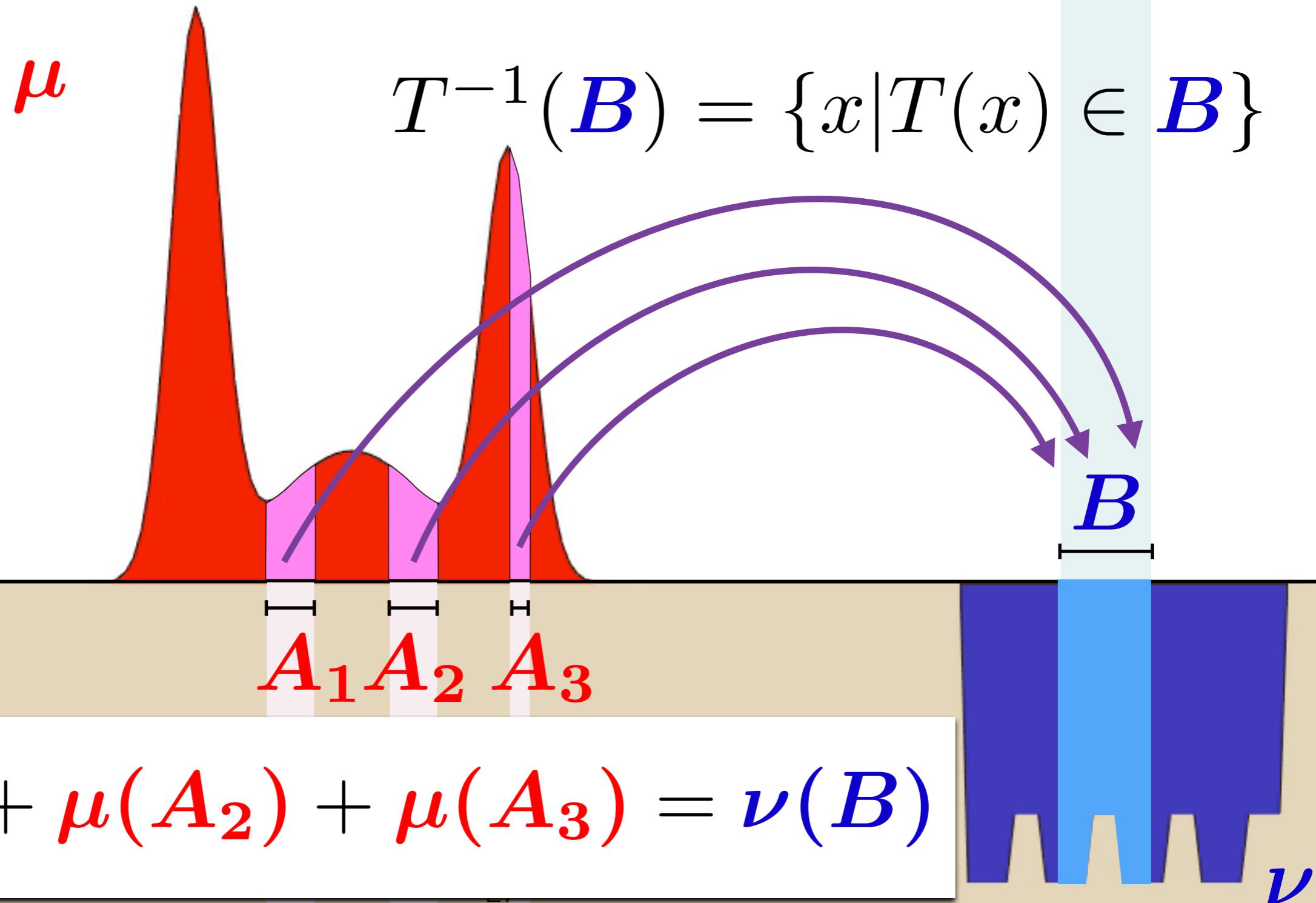
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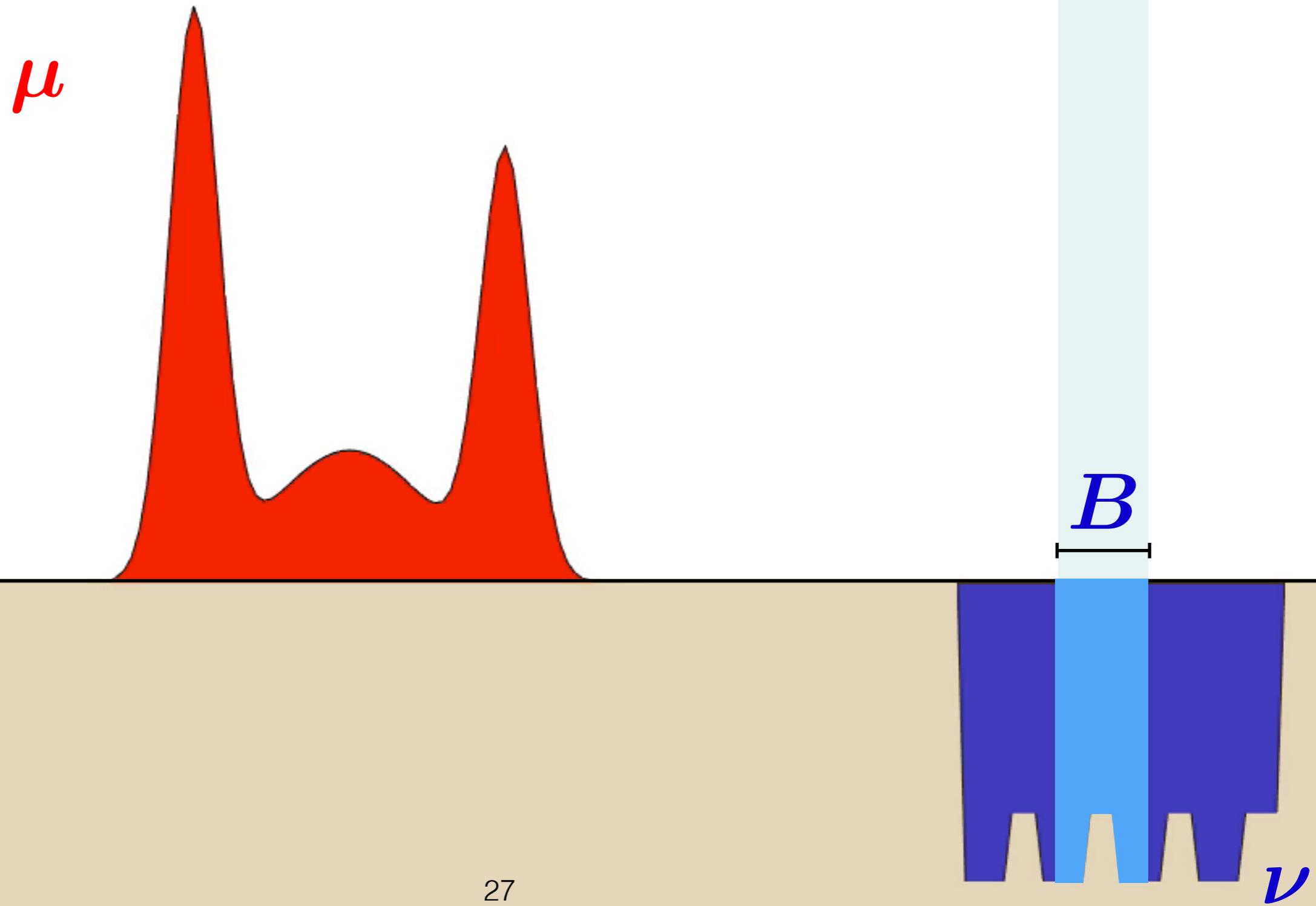
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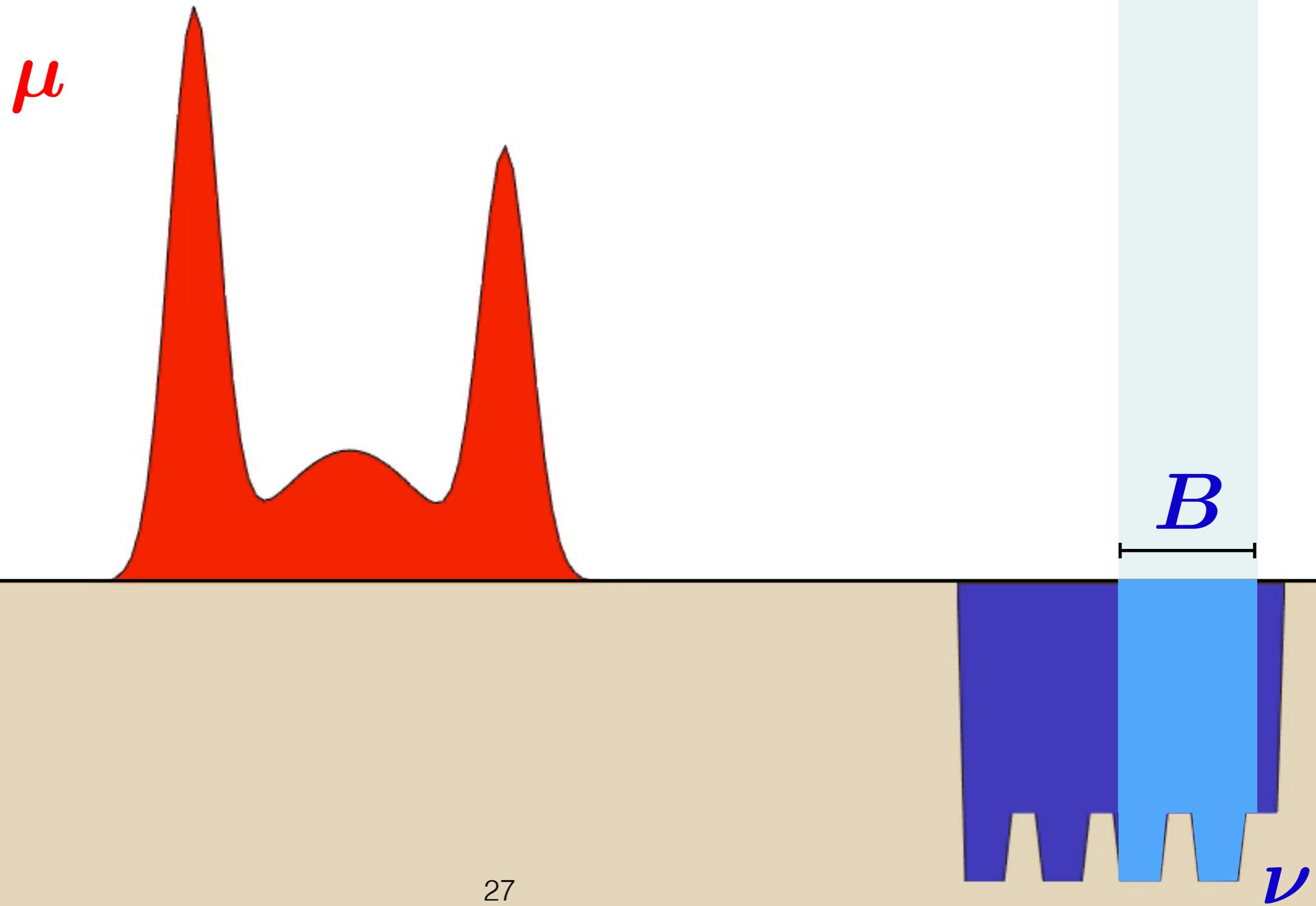
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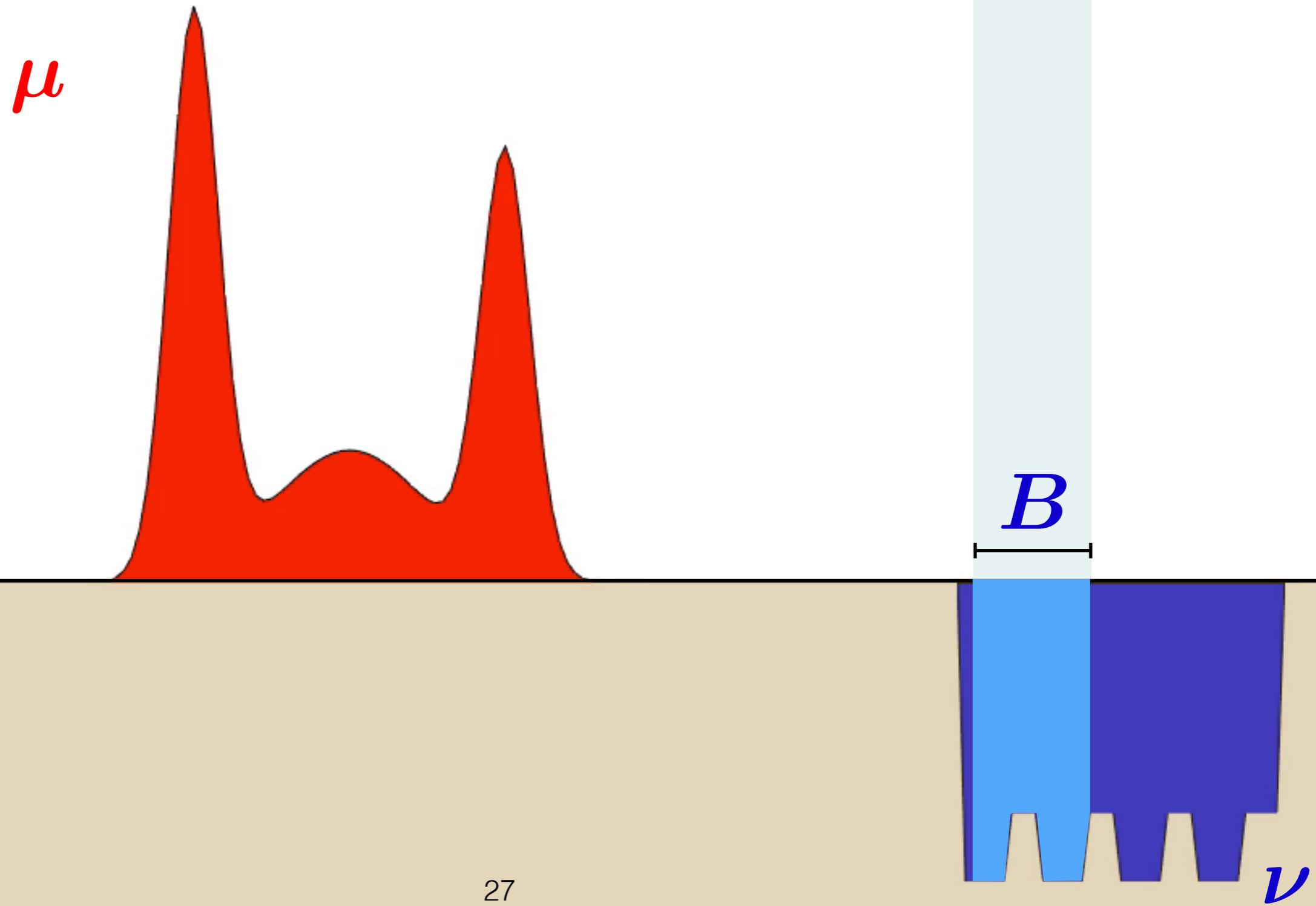
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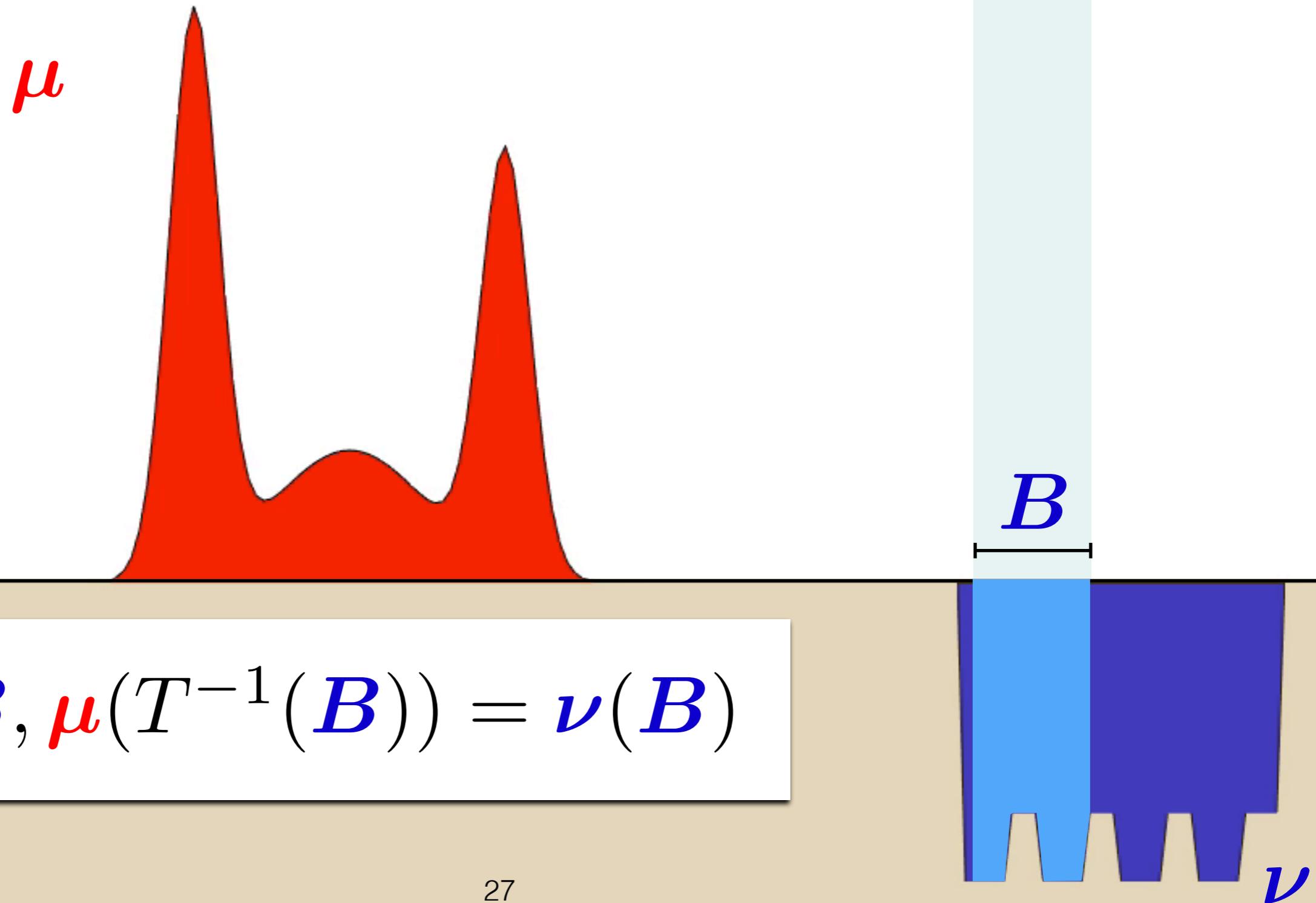
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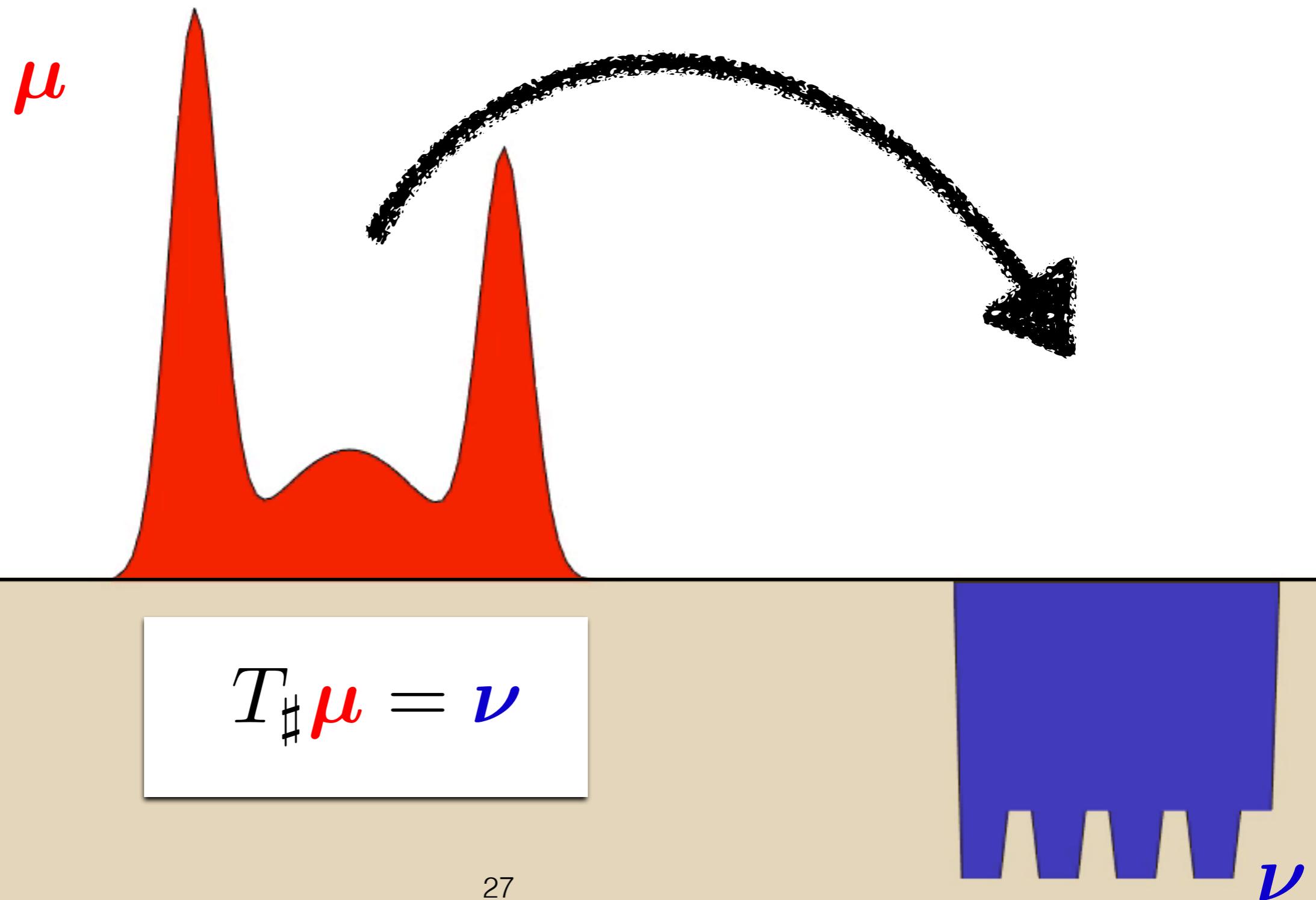
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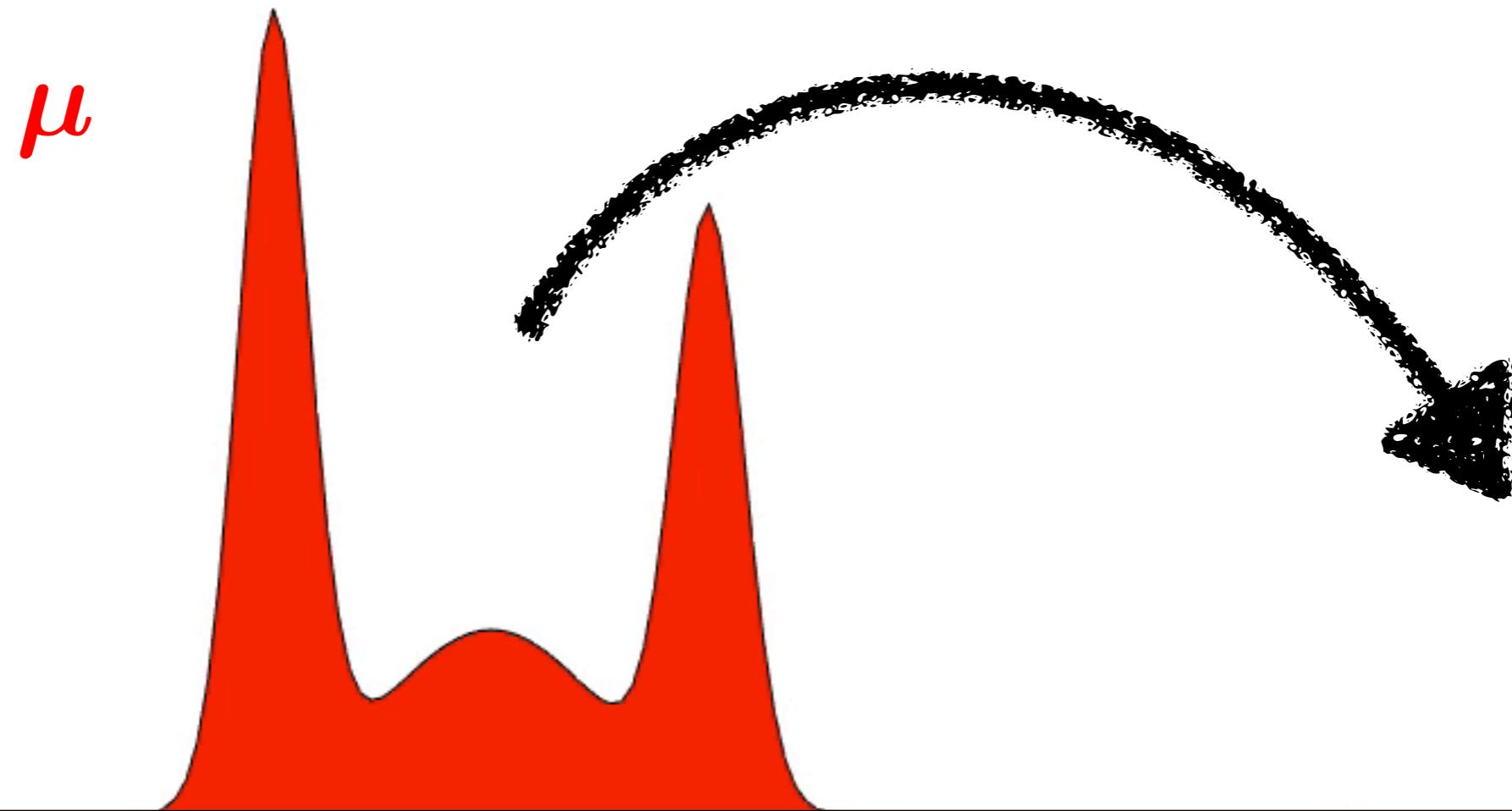
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Kantorovich Problem



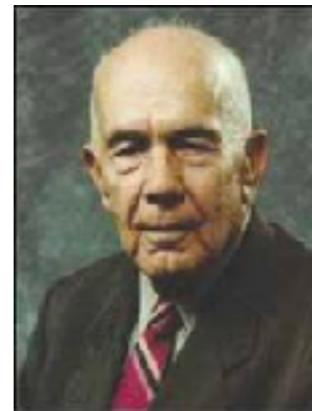
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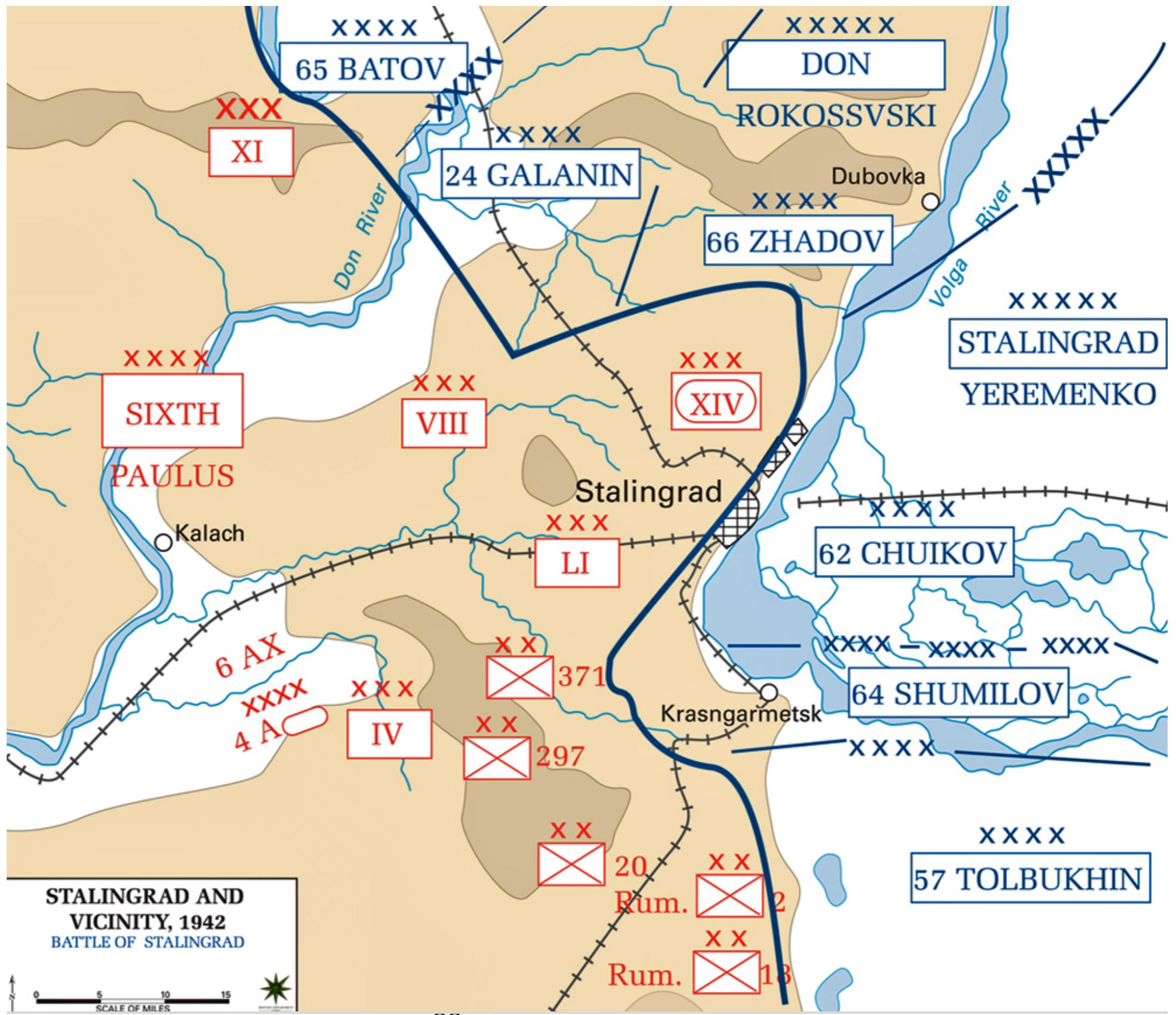
THE DISTRIBUTION OF A PRODUCT FROM SEVERAL SOURCES TO NUMEROUS LOCALITIES

BY FRANK L. HITCHCOCK

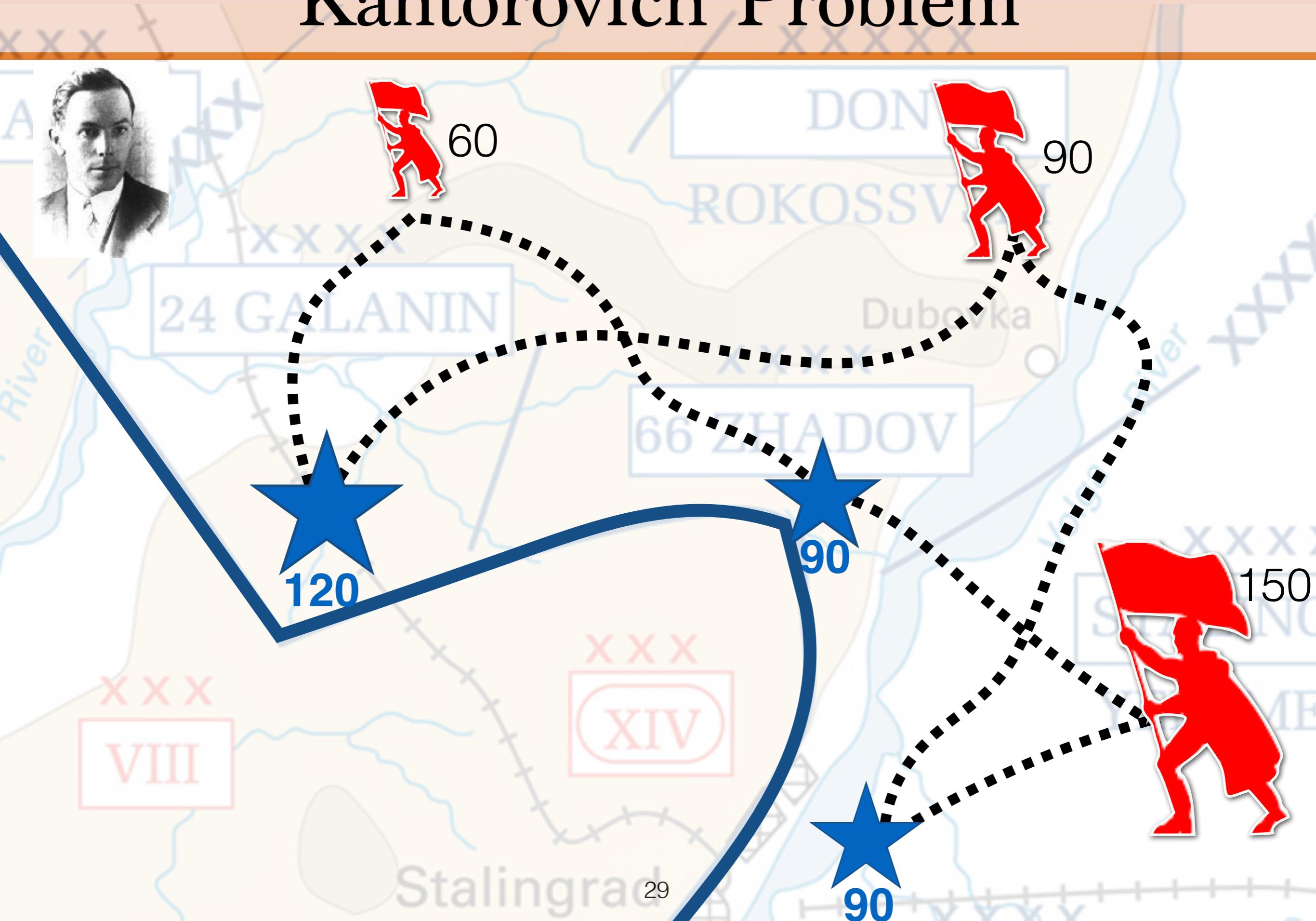
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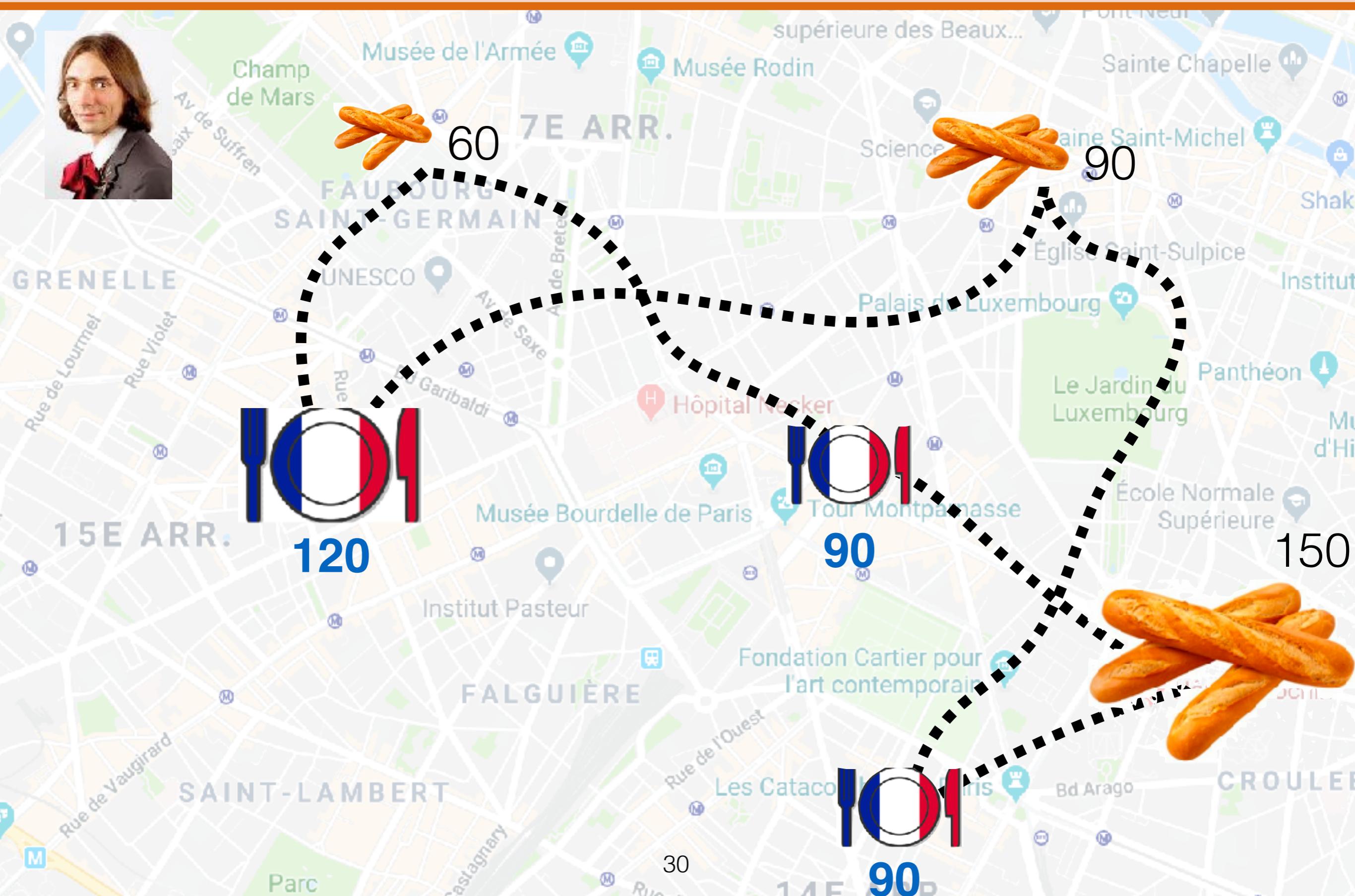
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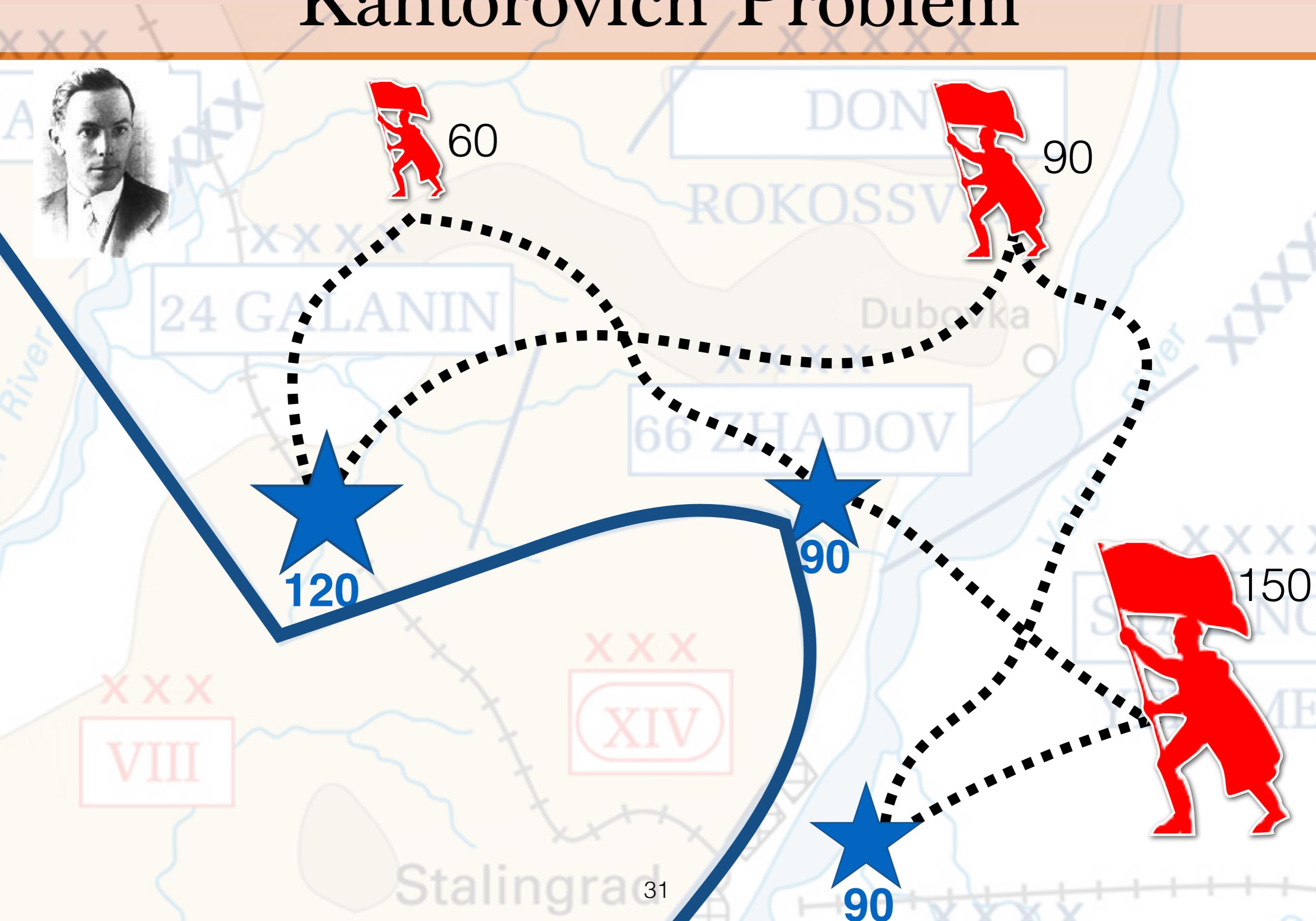
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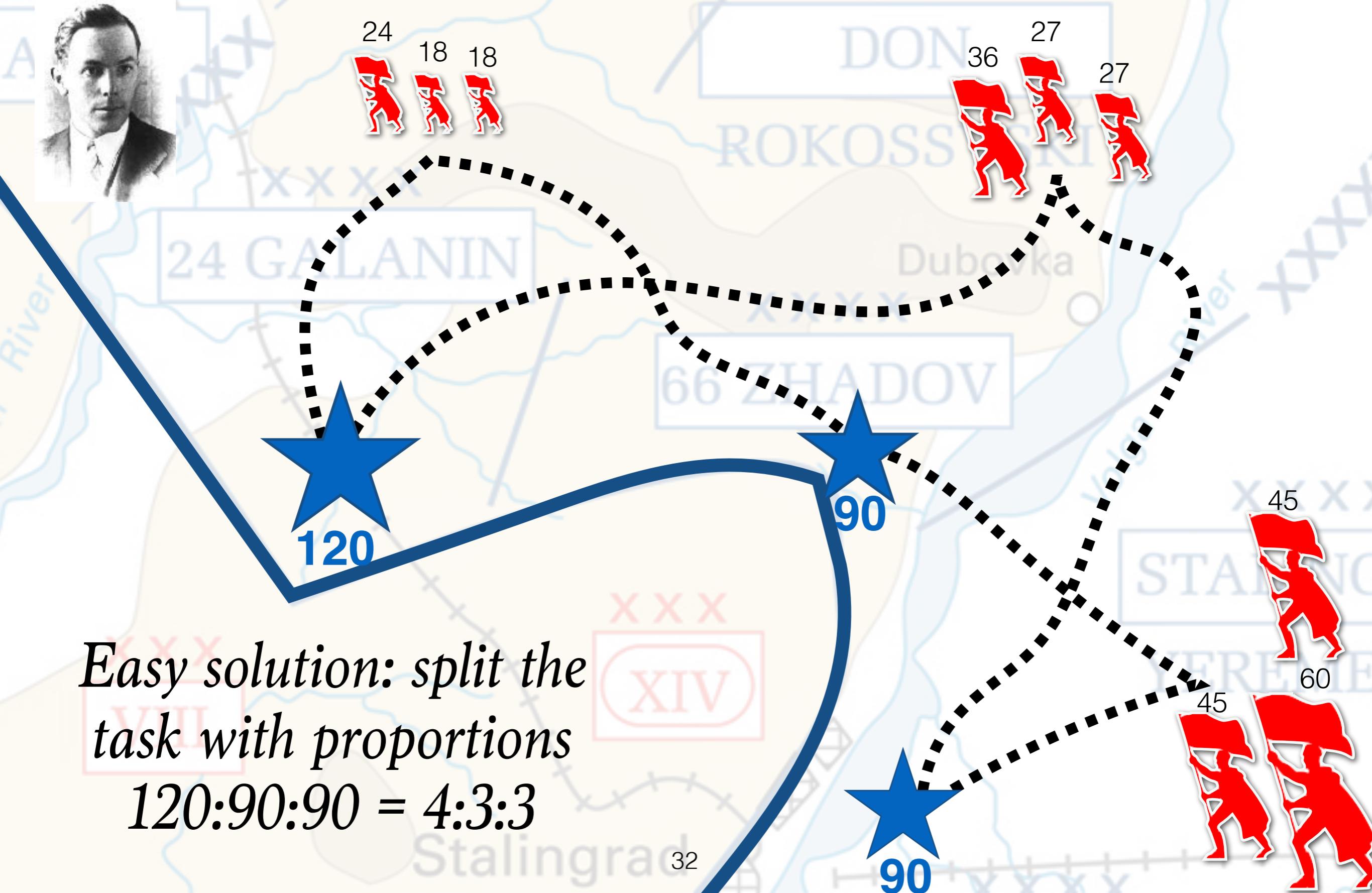
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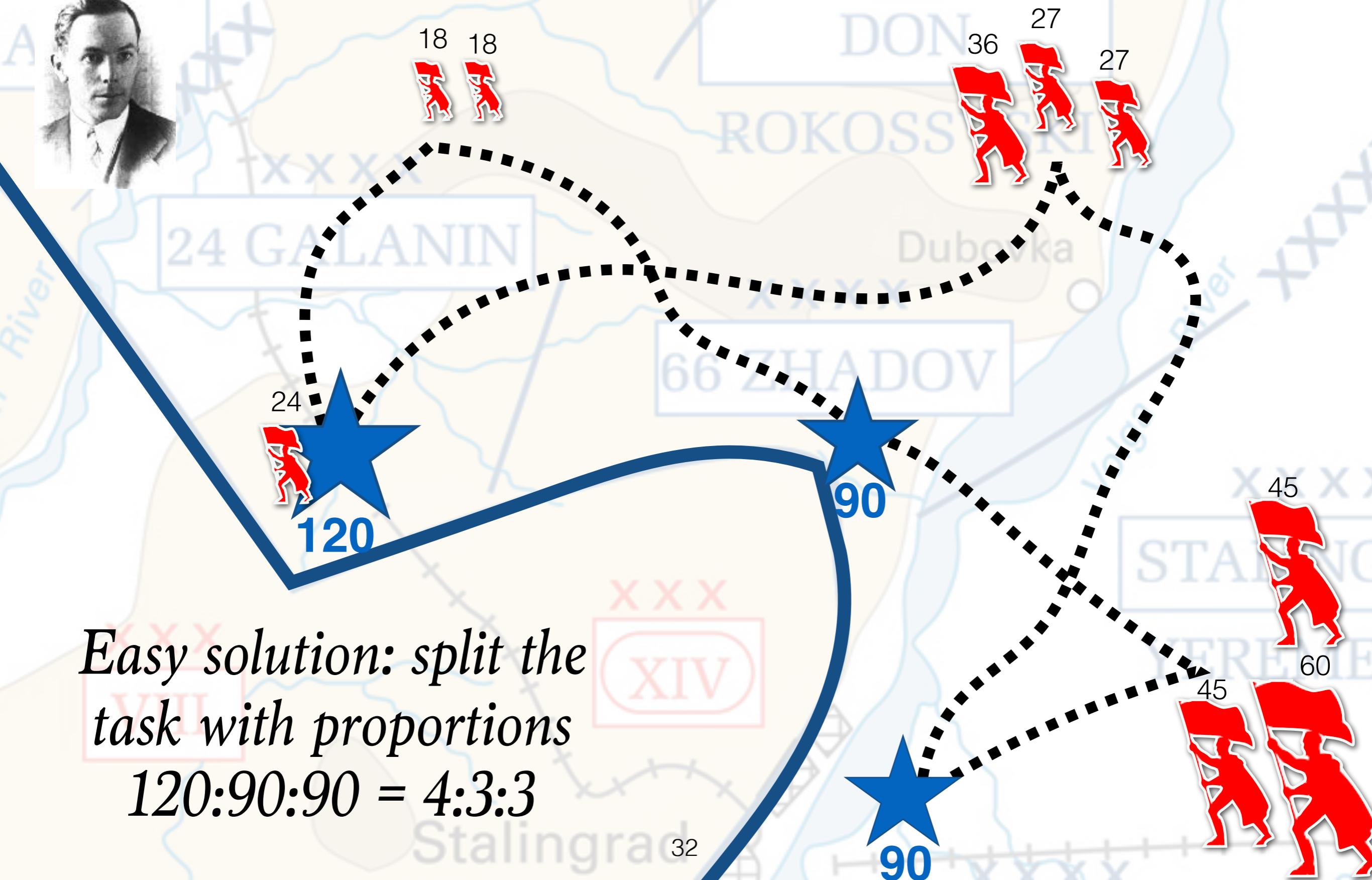
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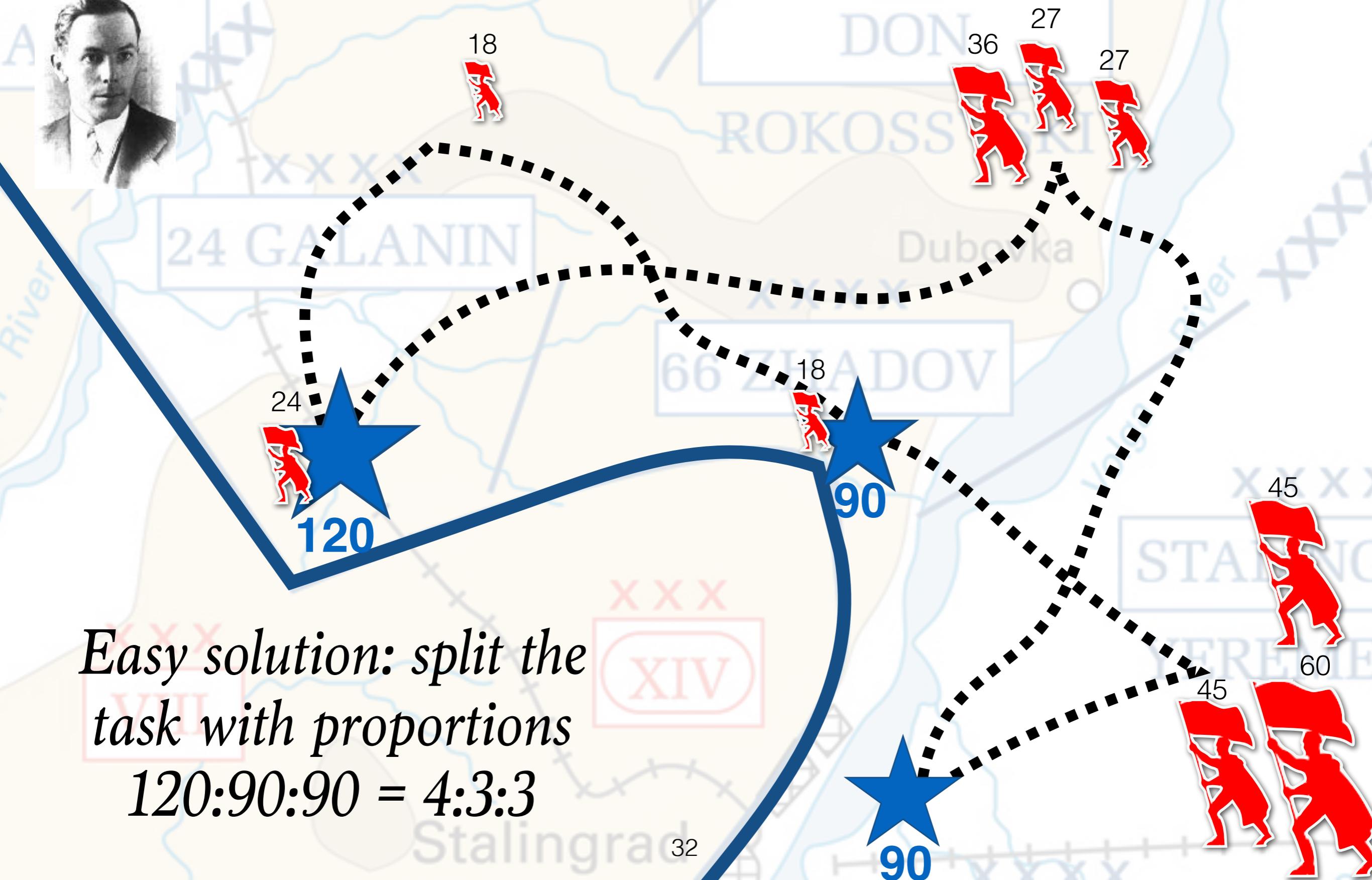
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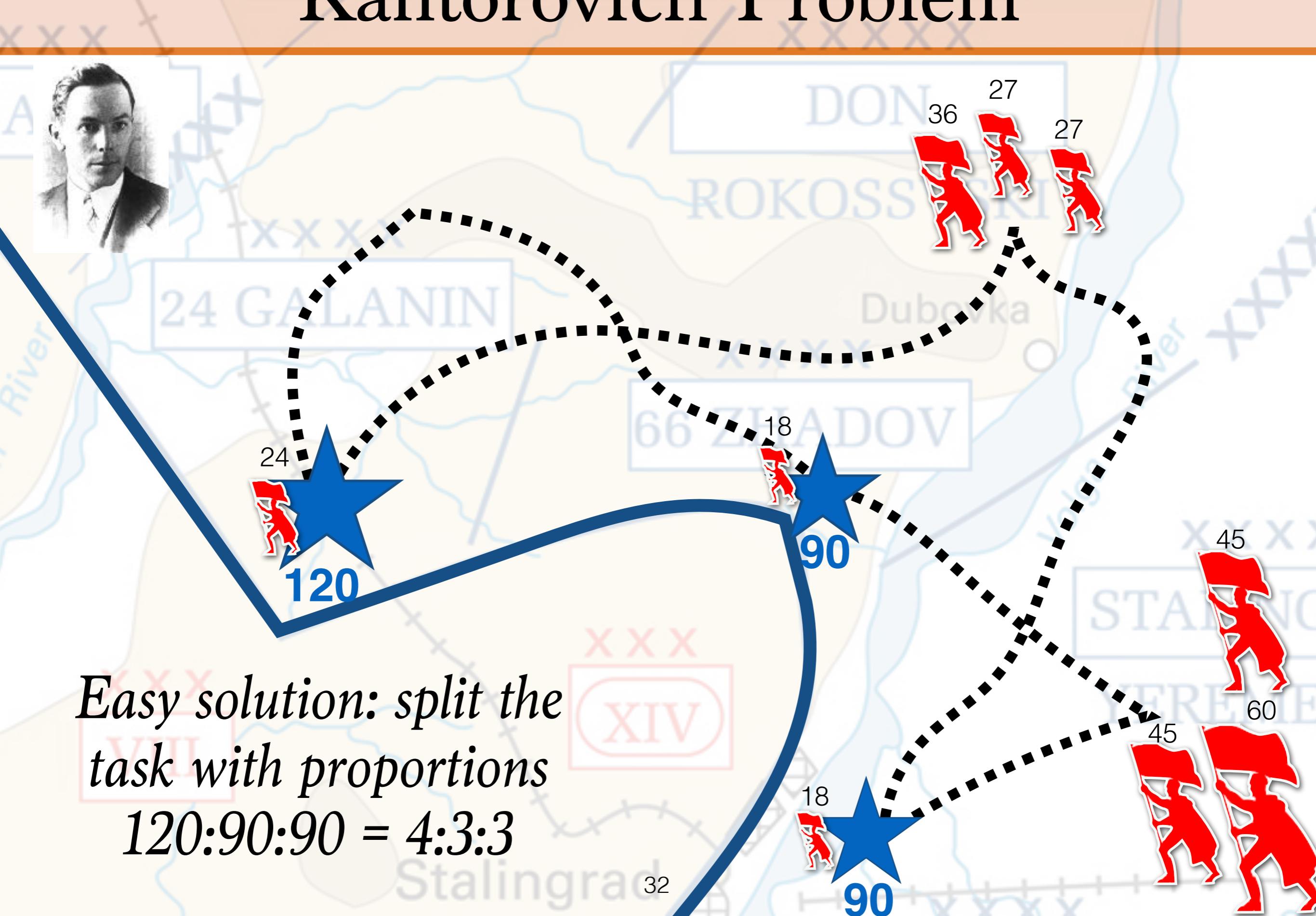
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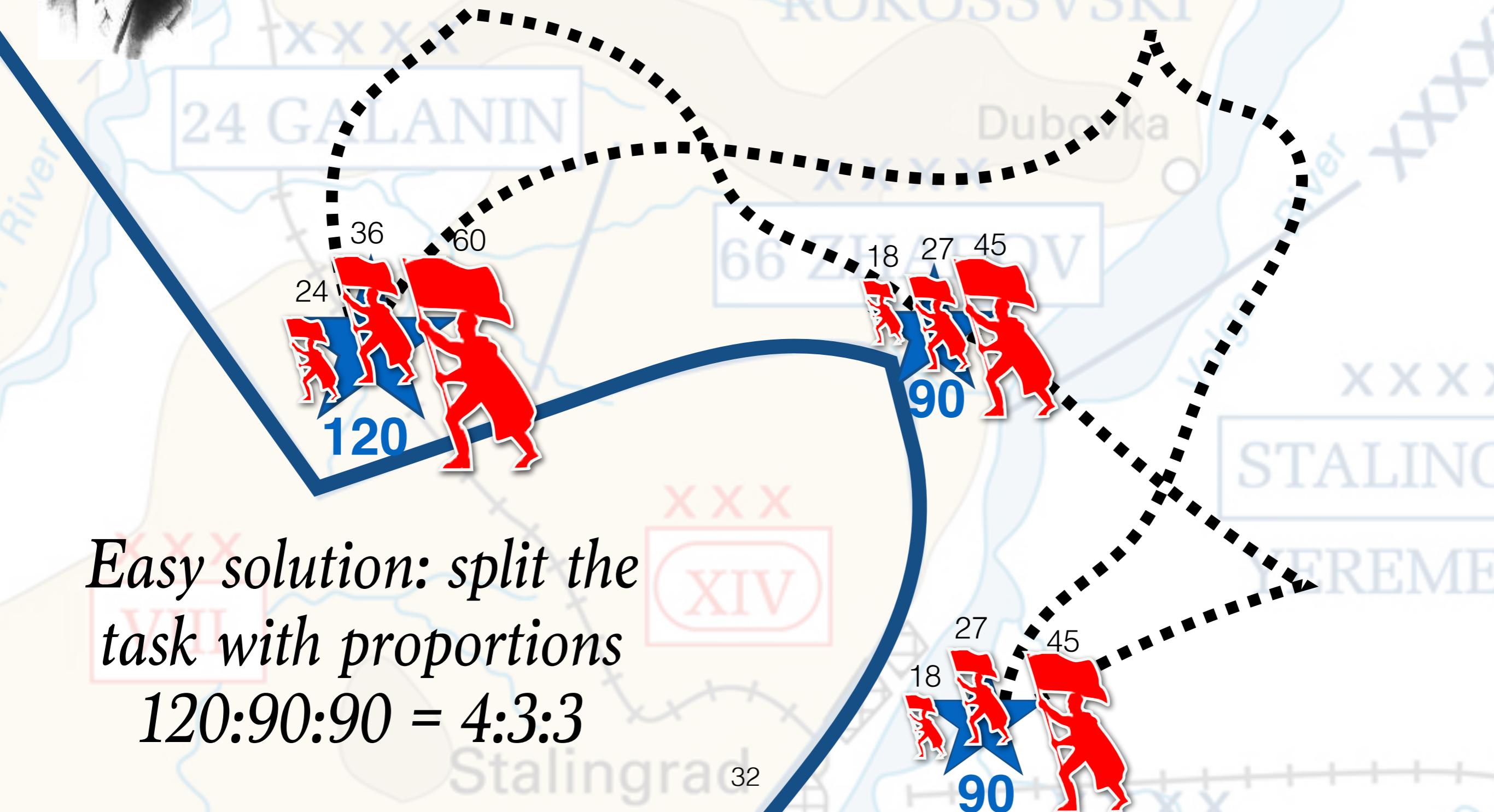
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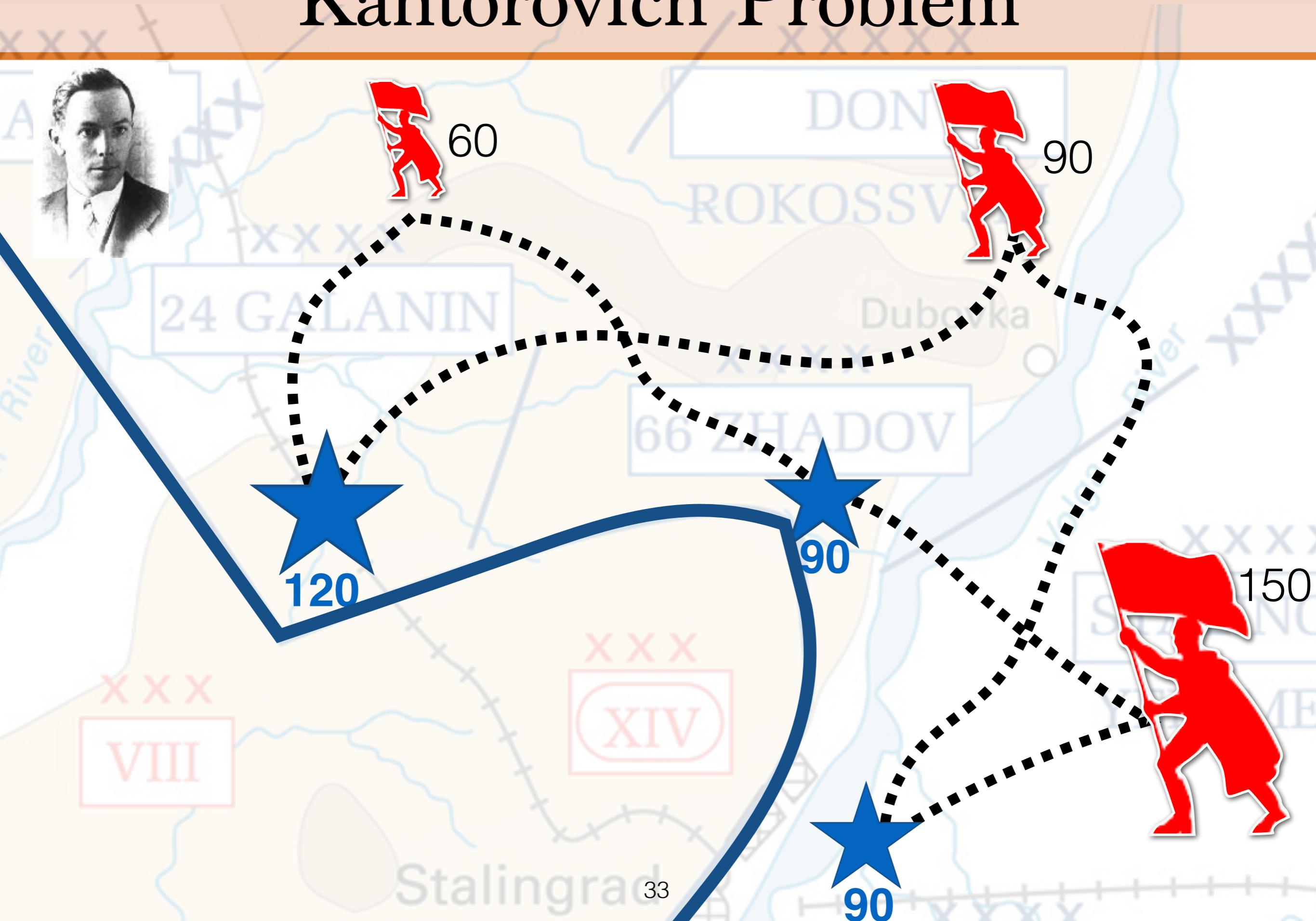
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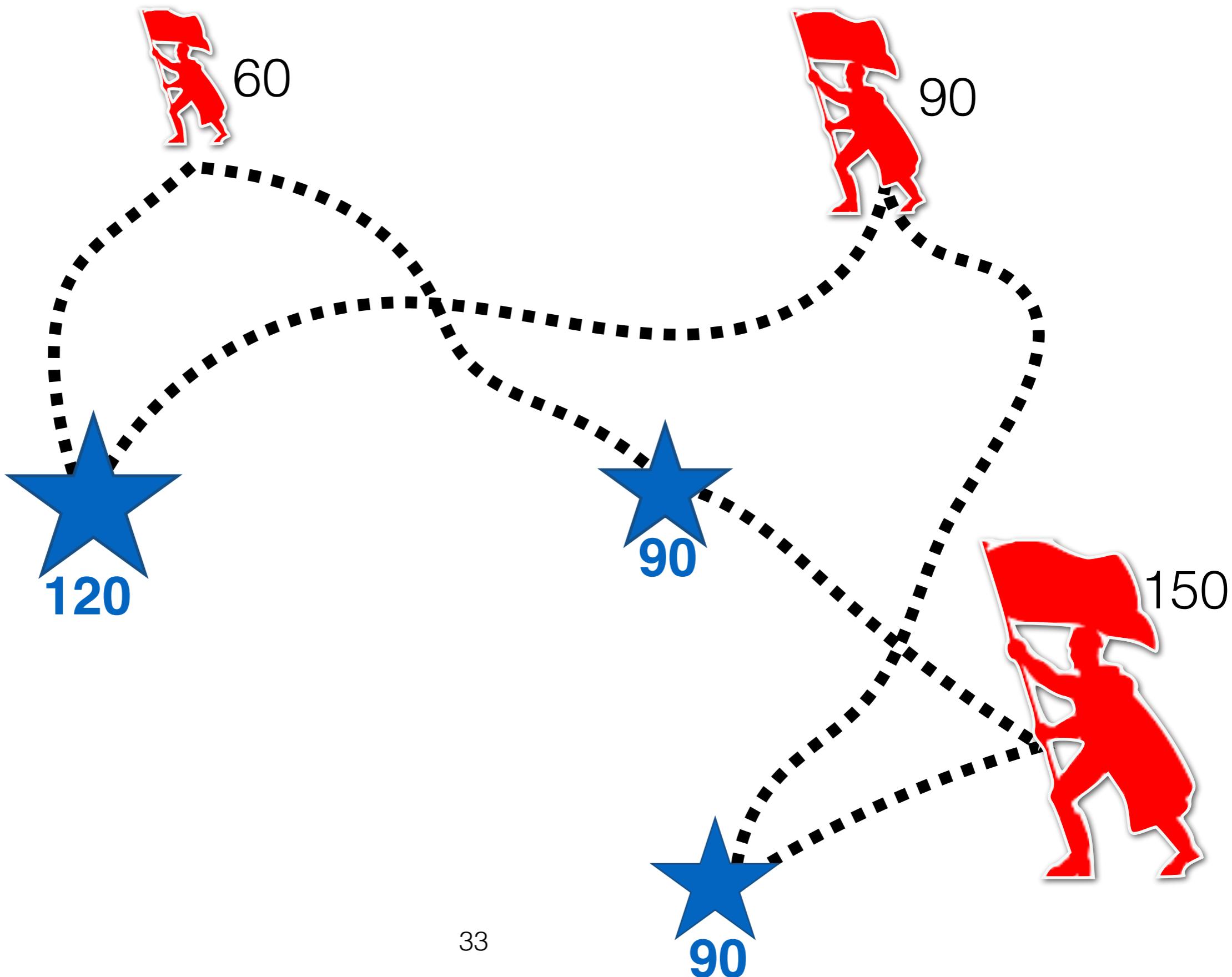
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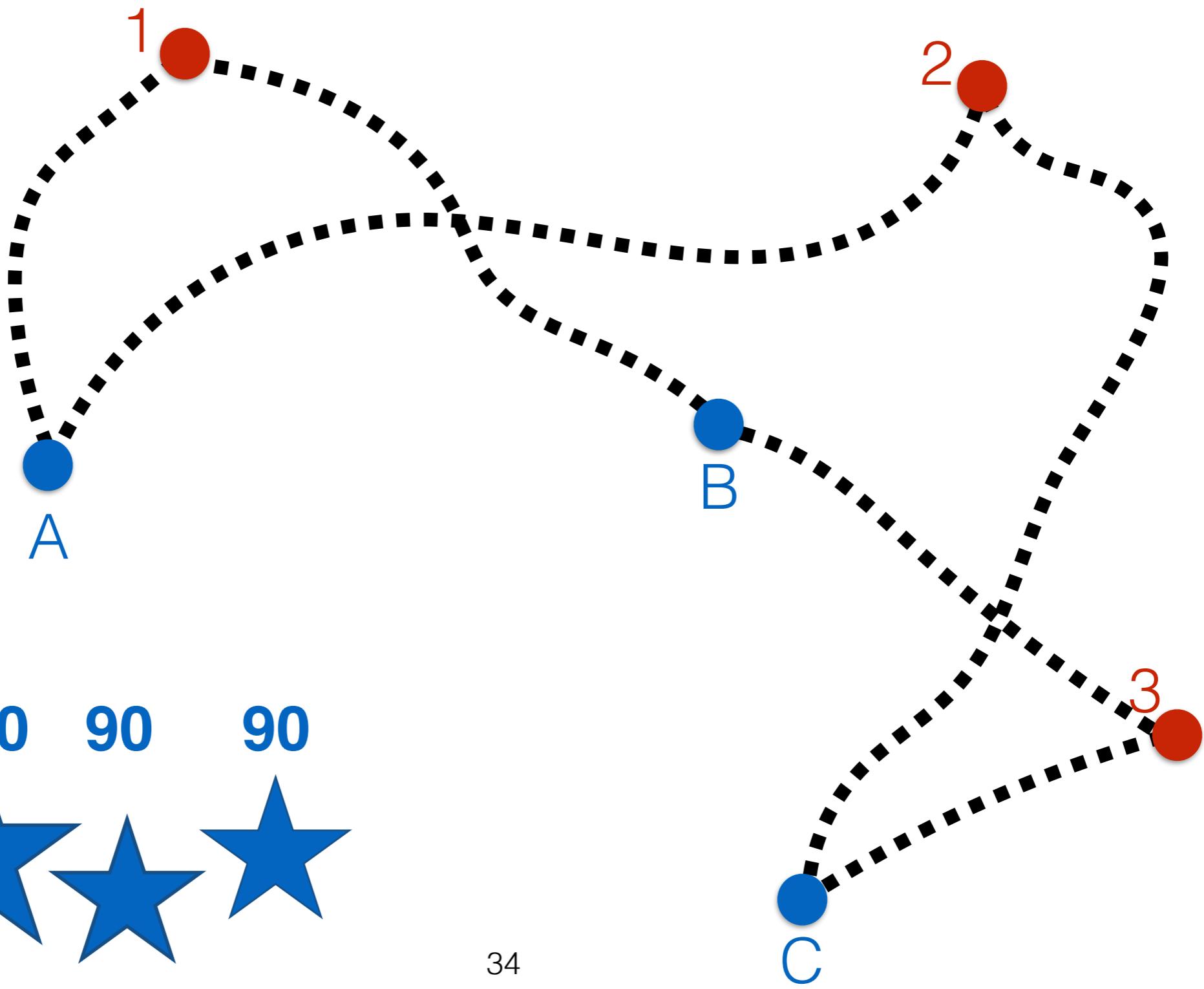
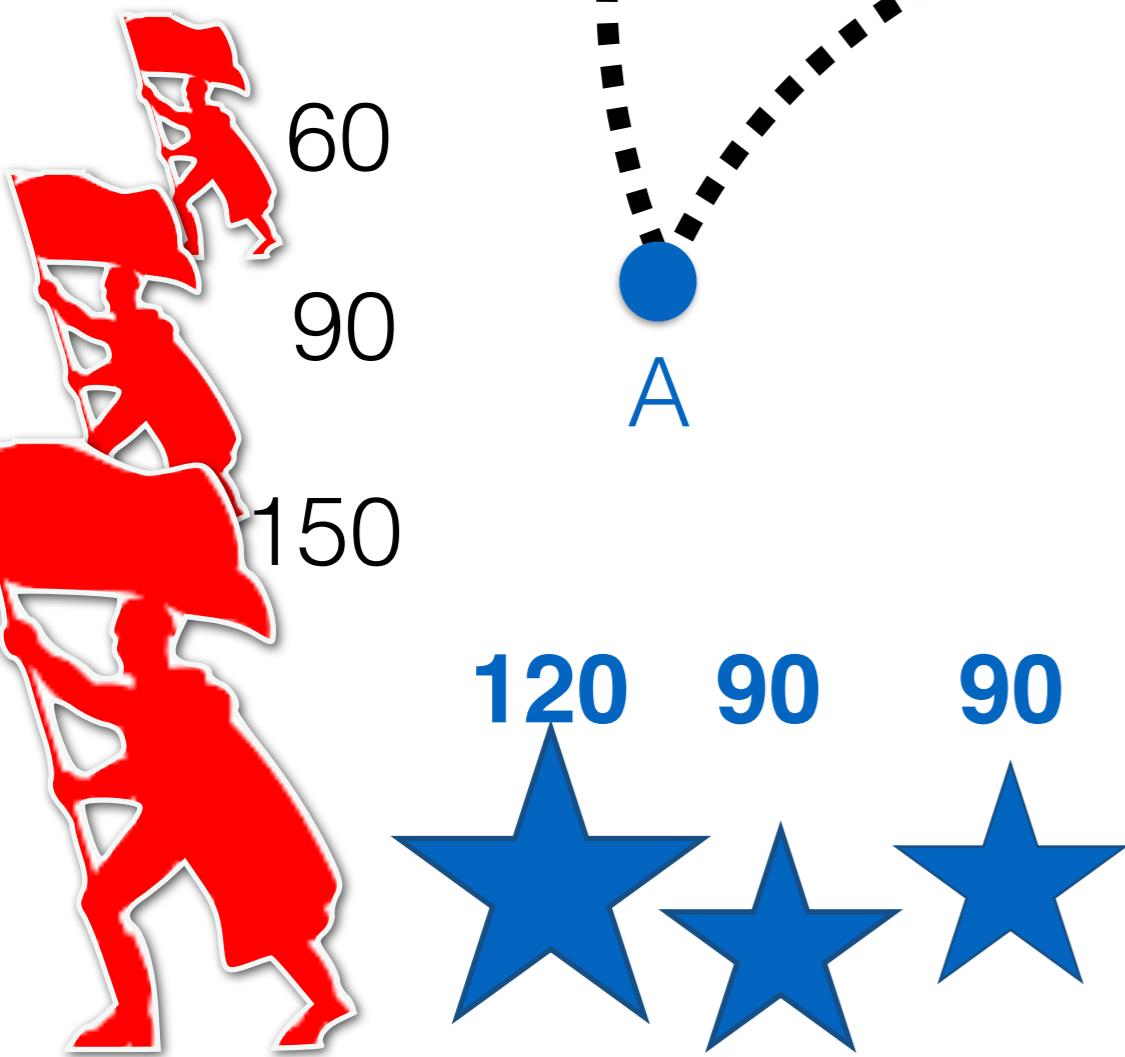
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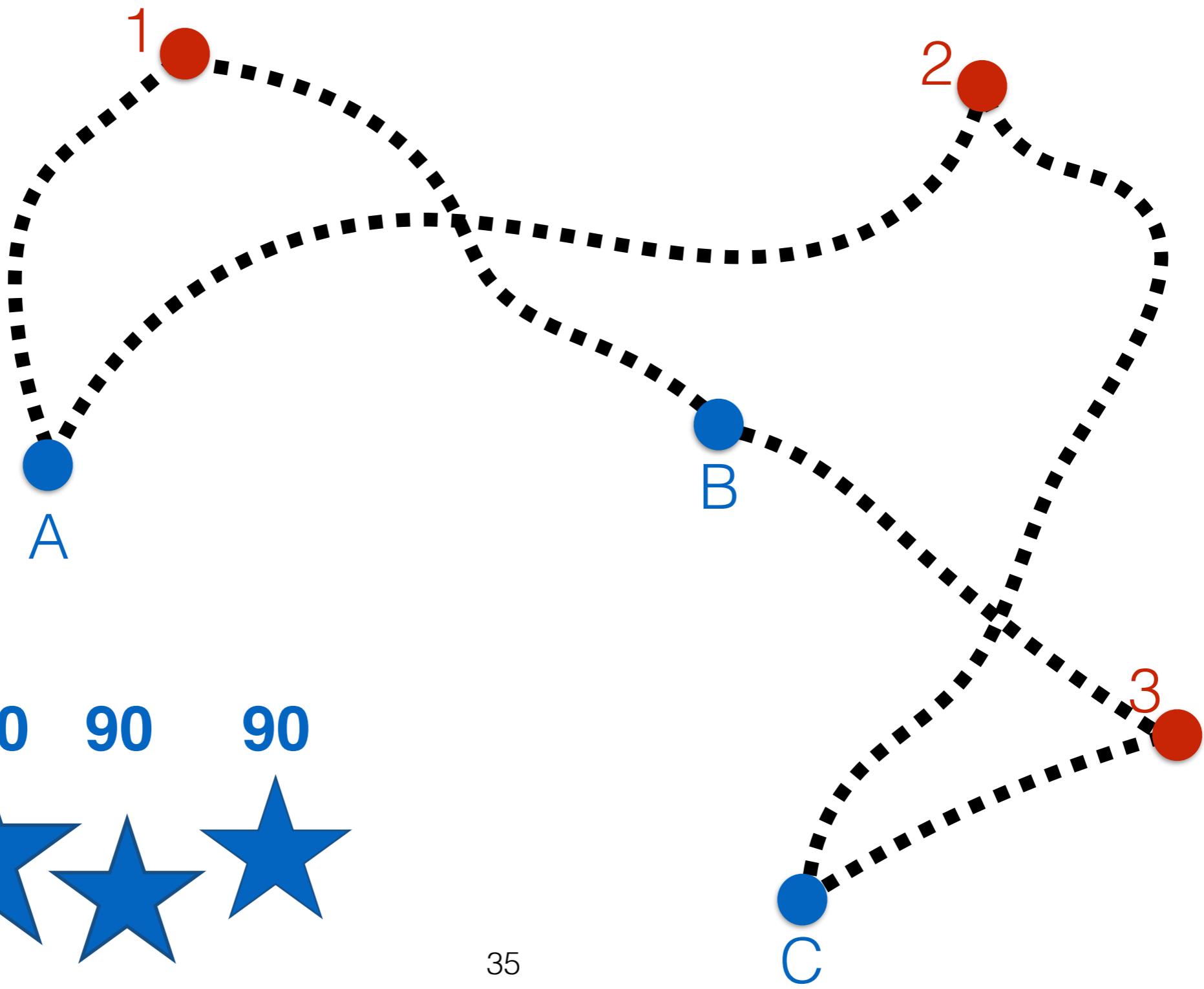
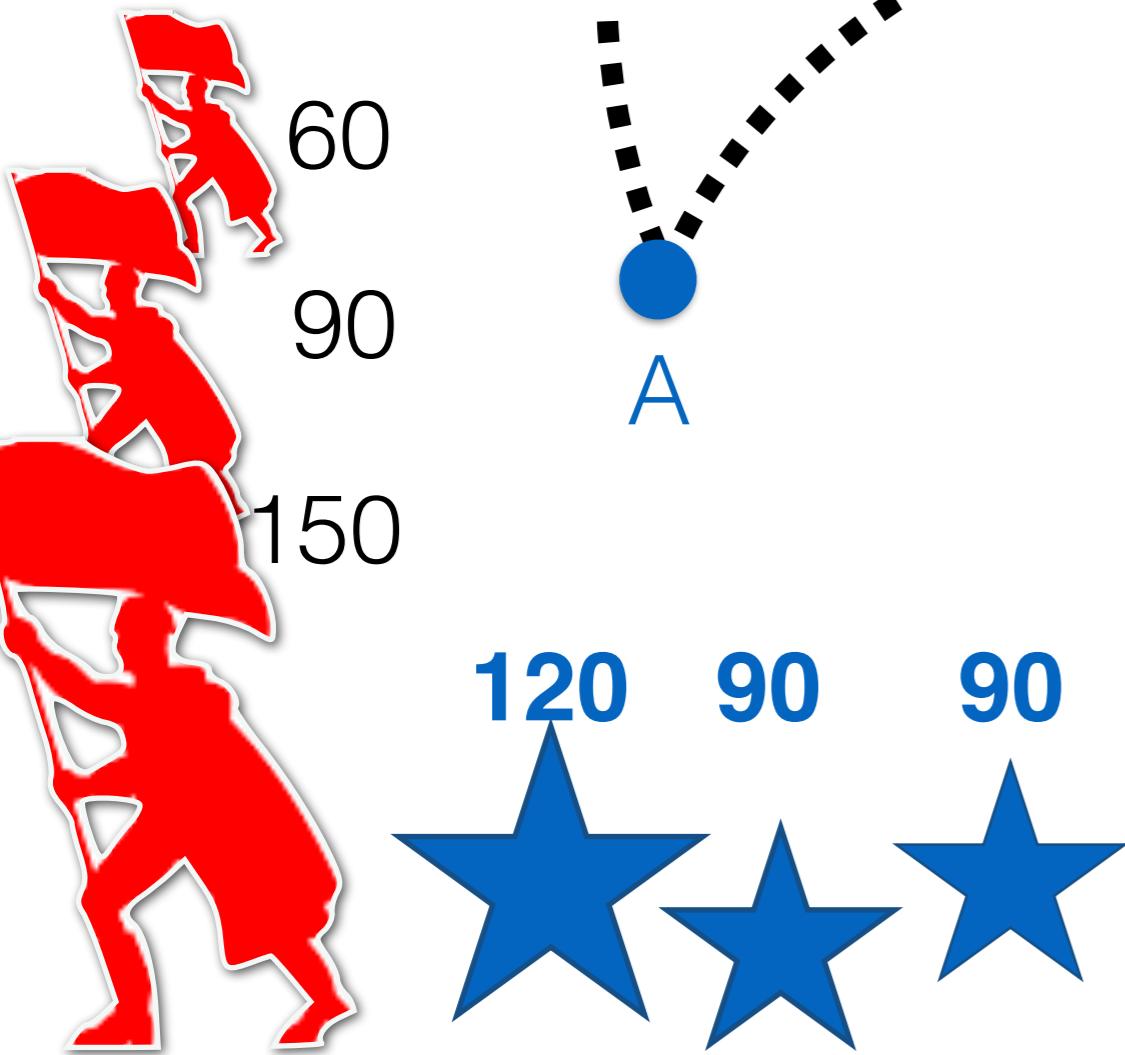
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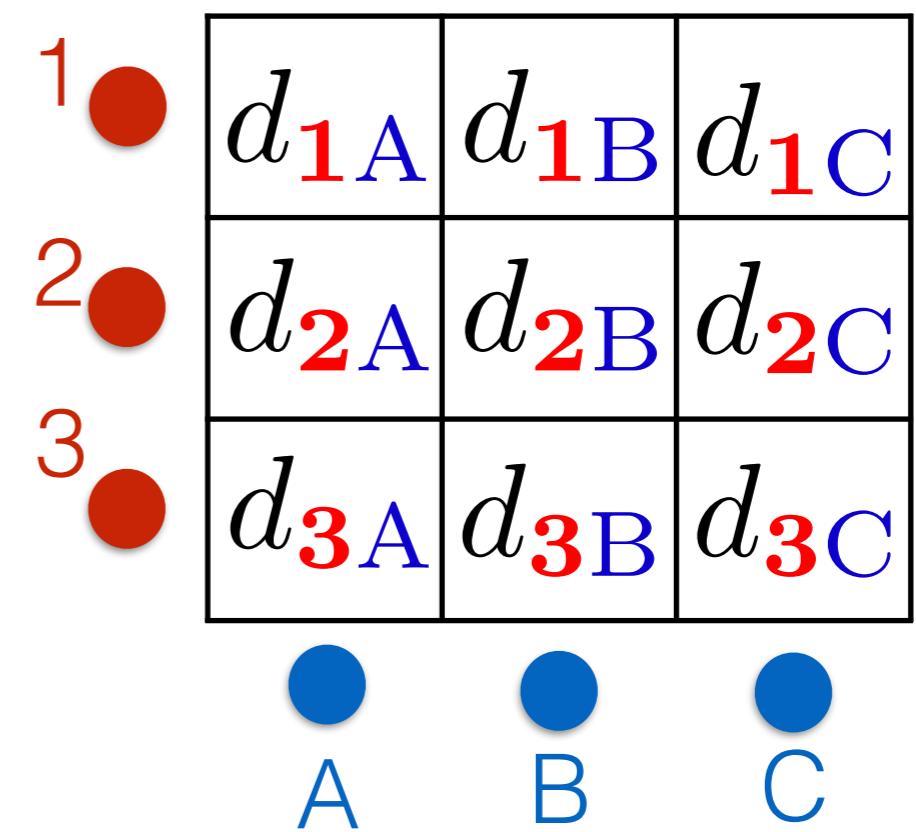
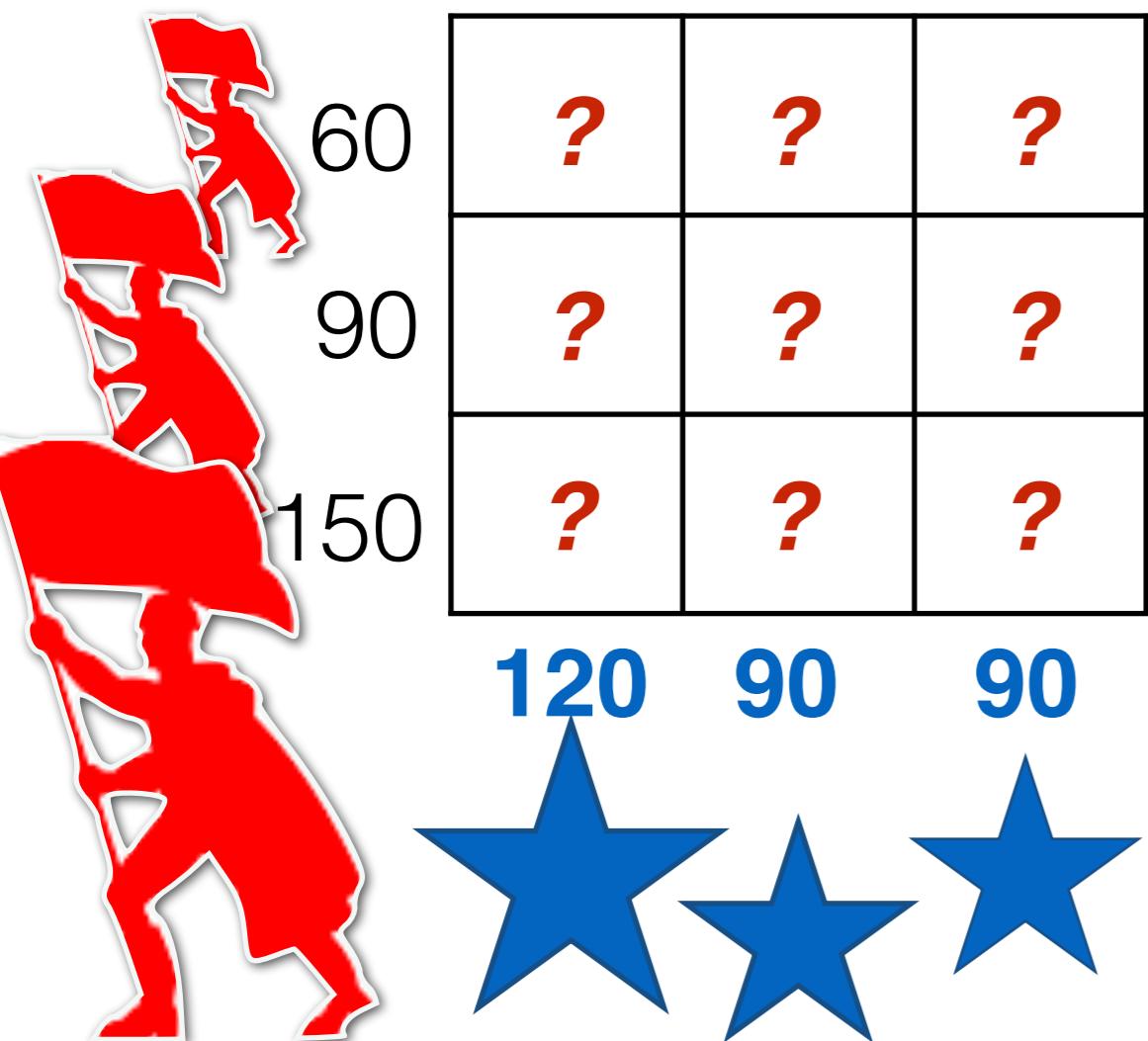
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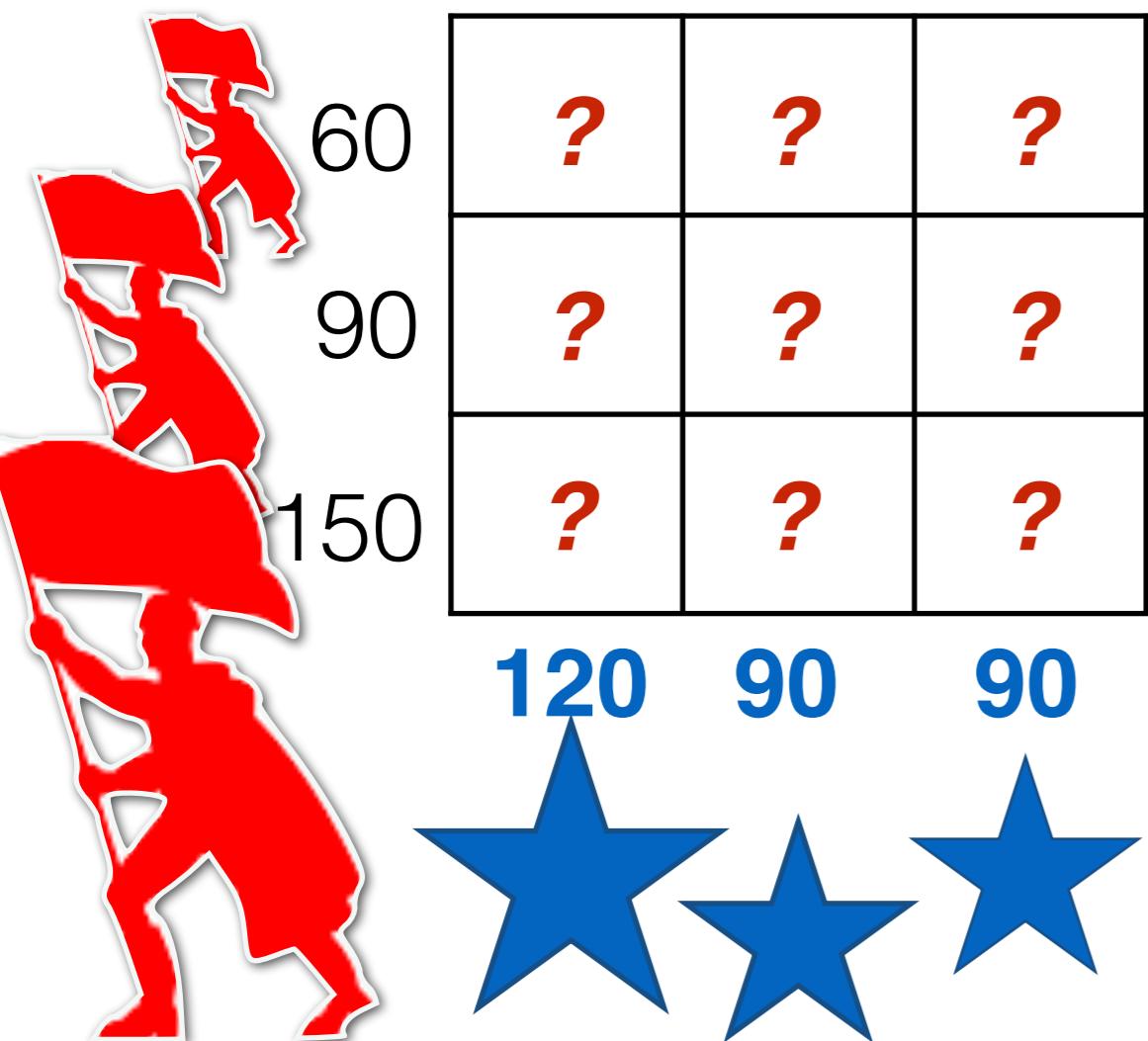
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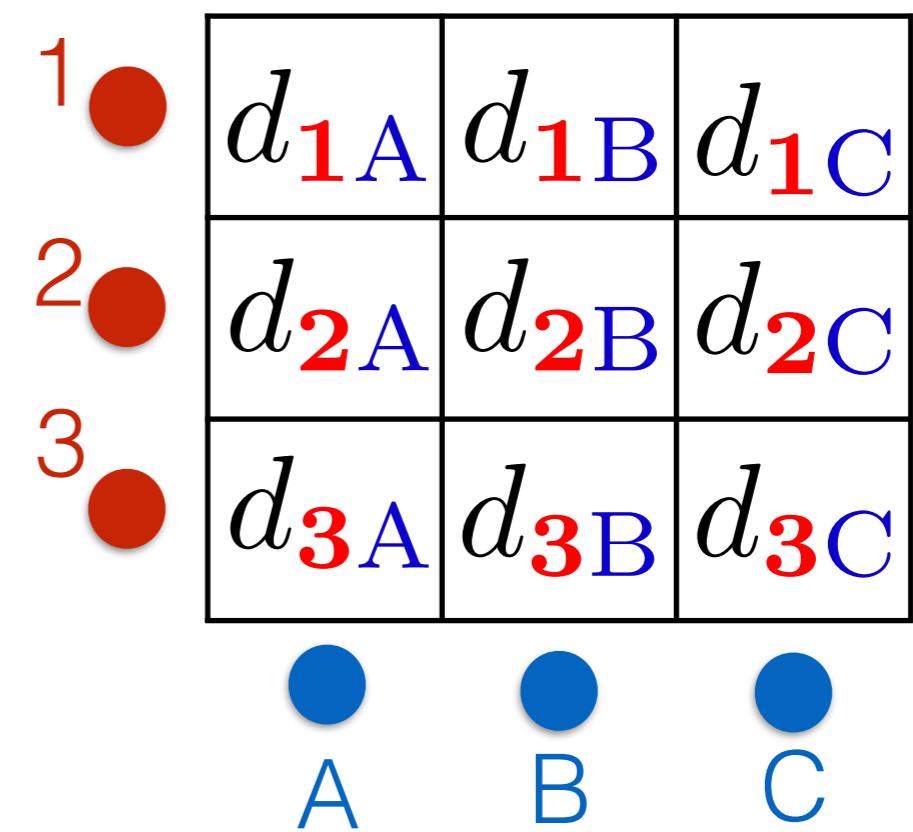
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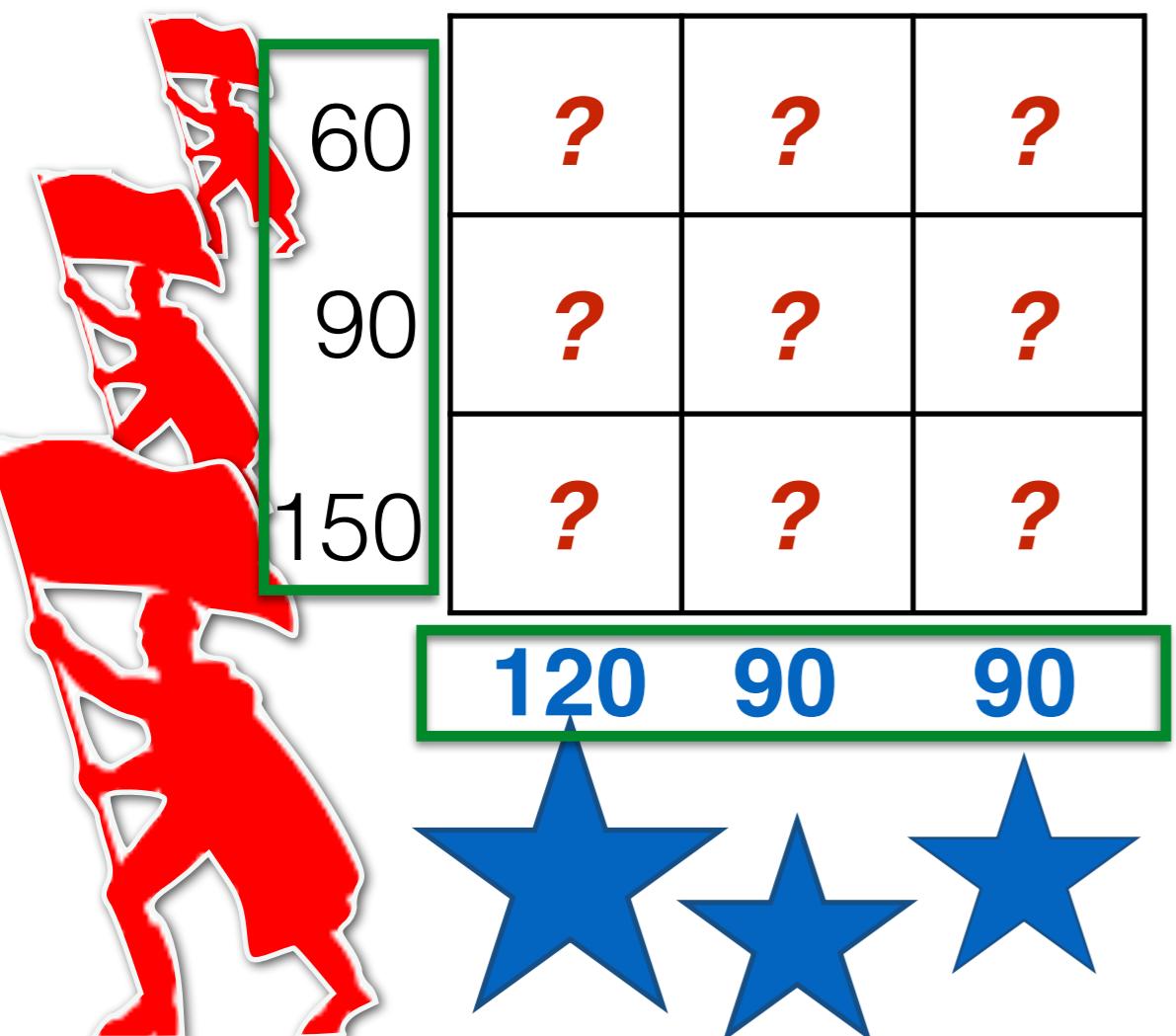


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The problem is entirely described by counts and a cost/distance matrix

Transportation matrix



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150	?	?	?
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Distance matrix

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A diagram showing three blue circles labeled A, B, and C, corresponding to the columns of the distance matrix. To the left of the matrix, there are three red circles labeled 1, 2, and 3, corresponding to the rows.

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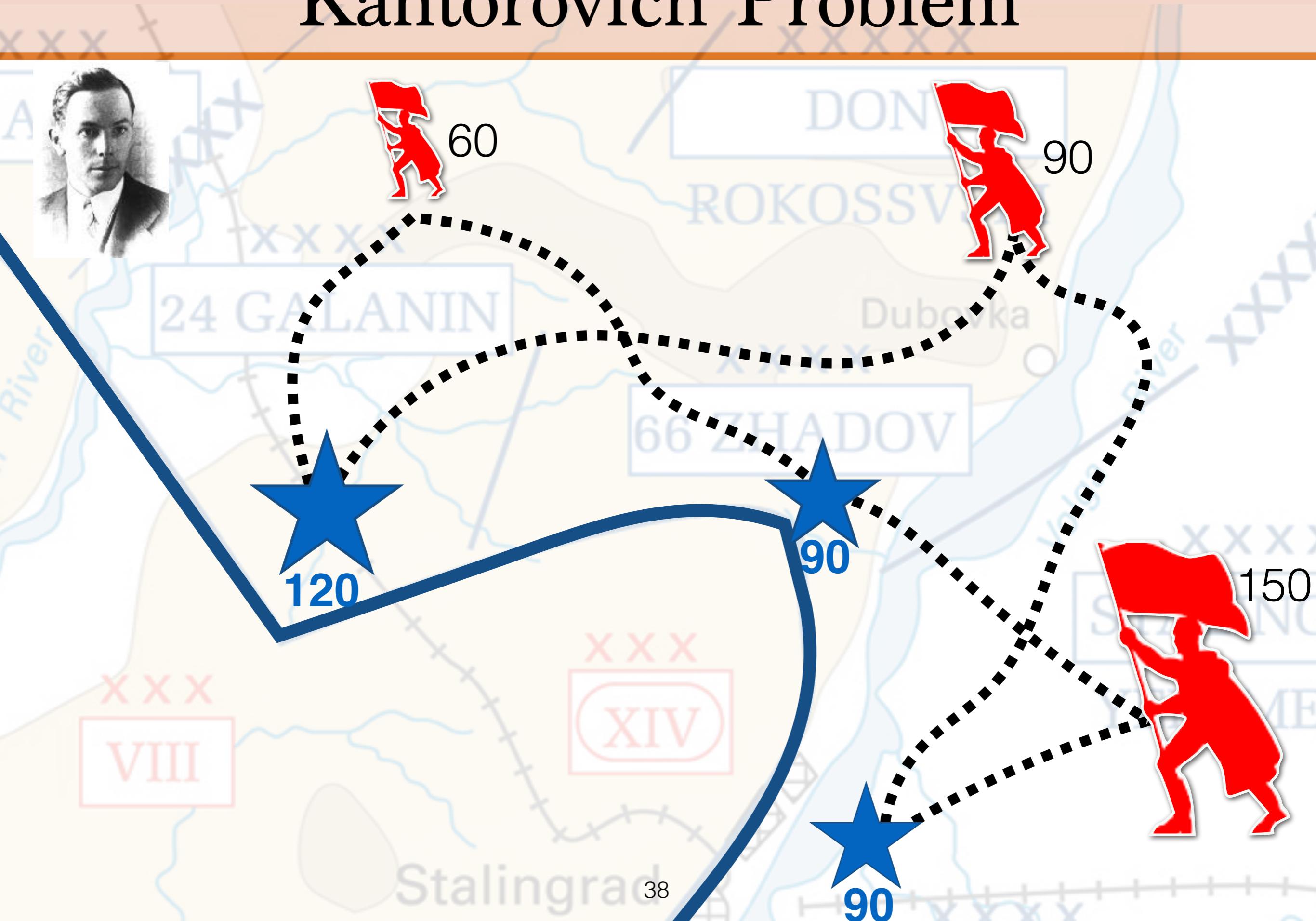
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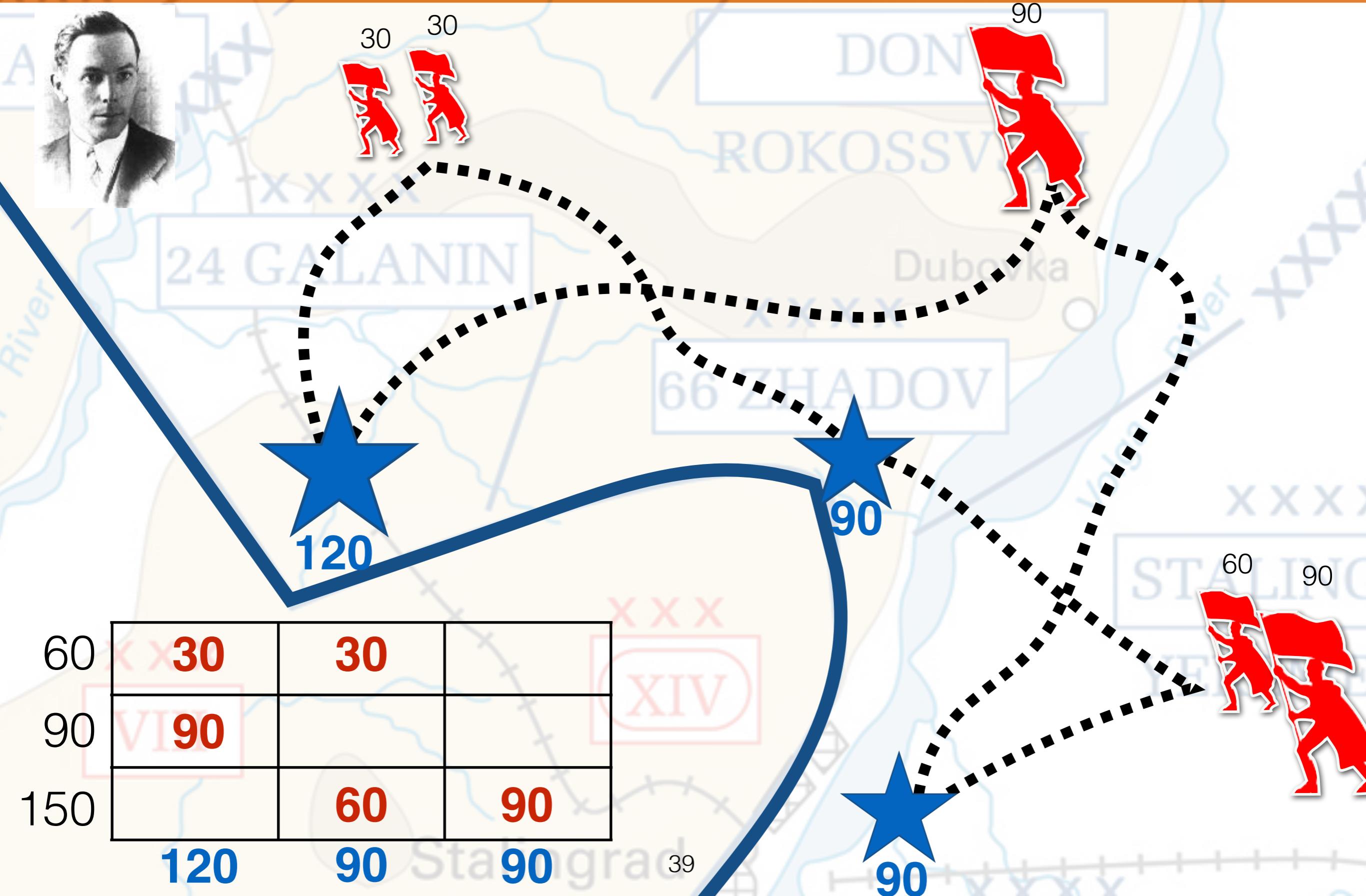
Problem

$$\min_{\text{all valid } \mathbf{P}} C(\mathbf{P})$$

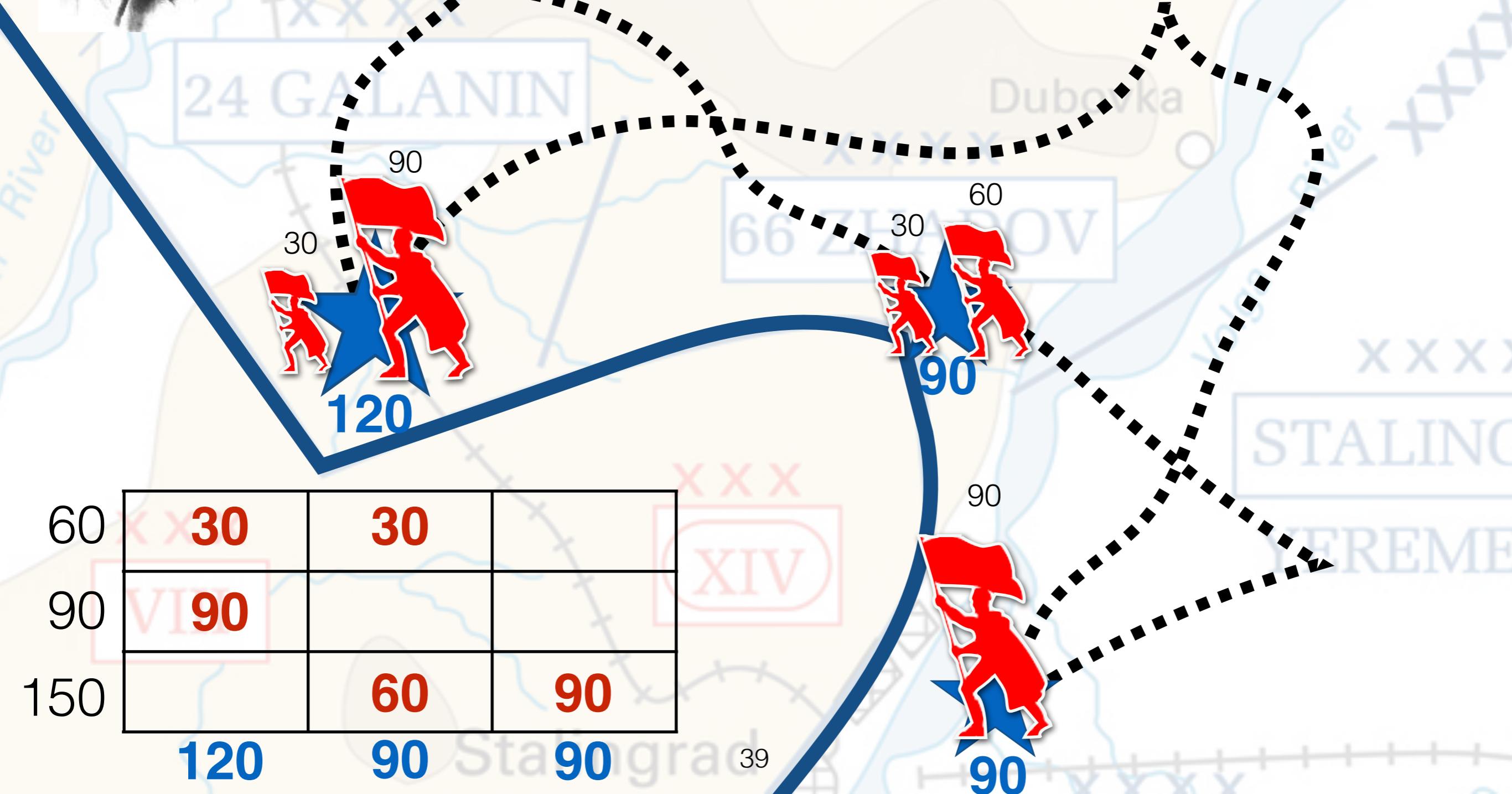
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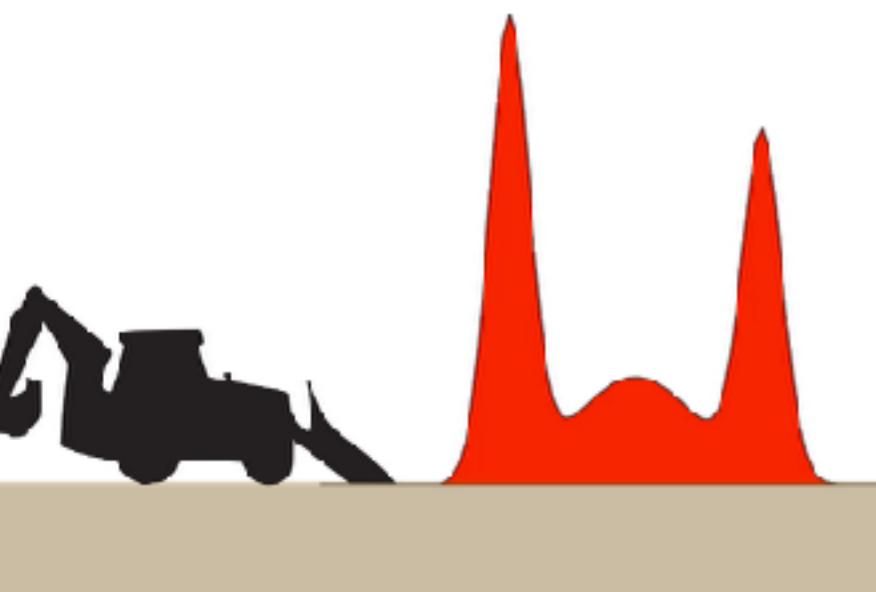


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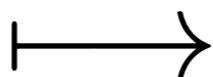
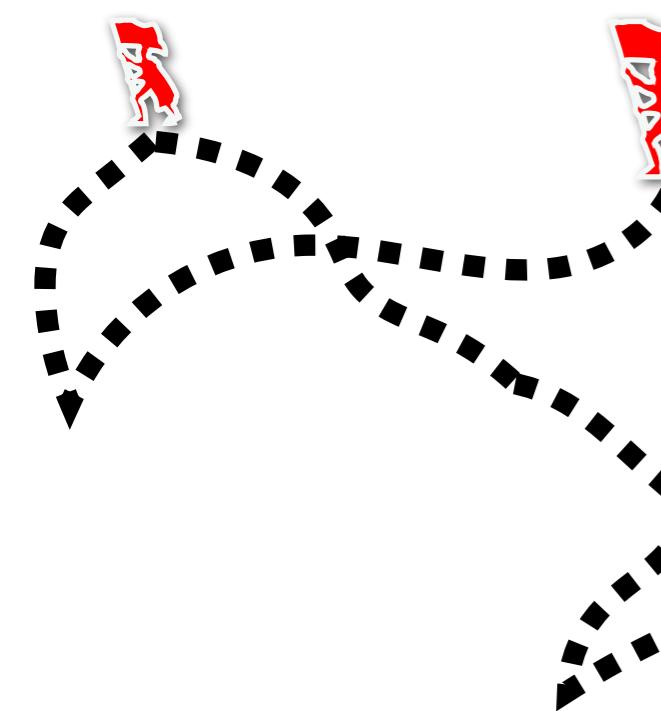
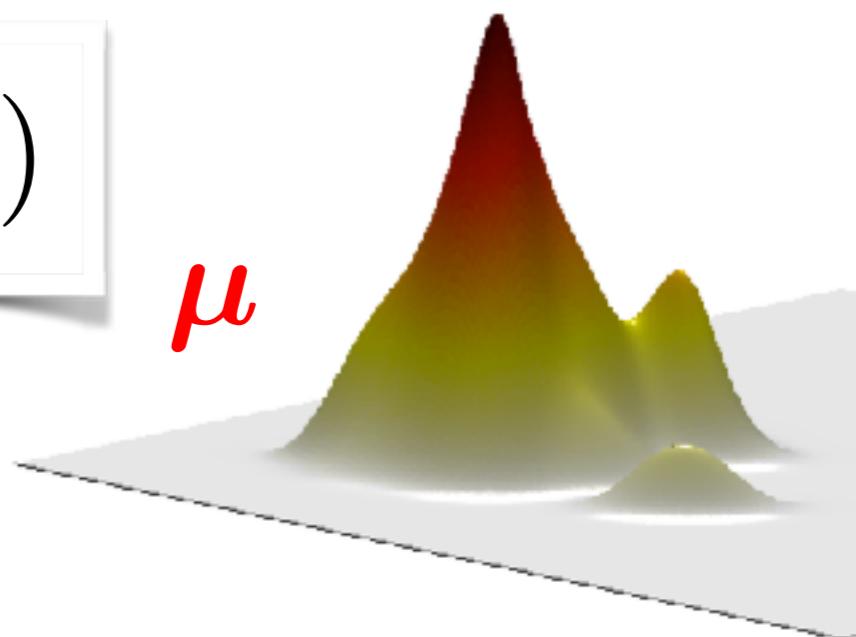


Mathematical Formalism

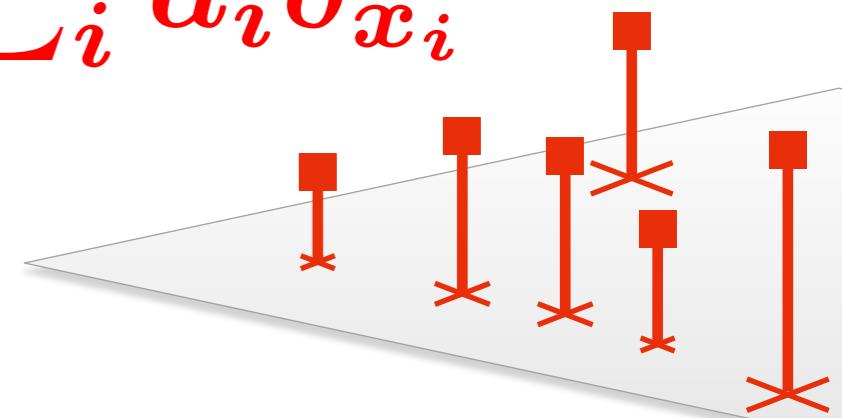
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$$\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$$



$$\sum_i a_i \delta_{x_i}$$

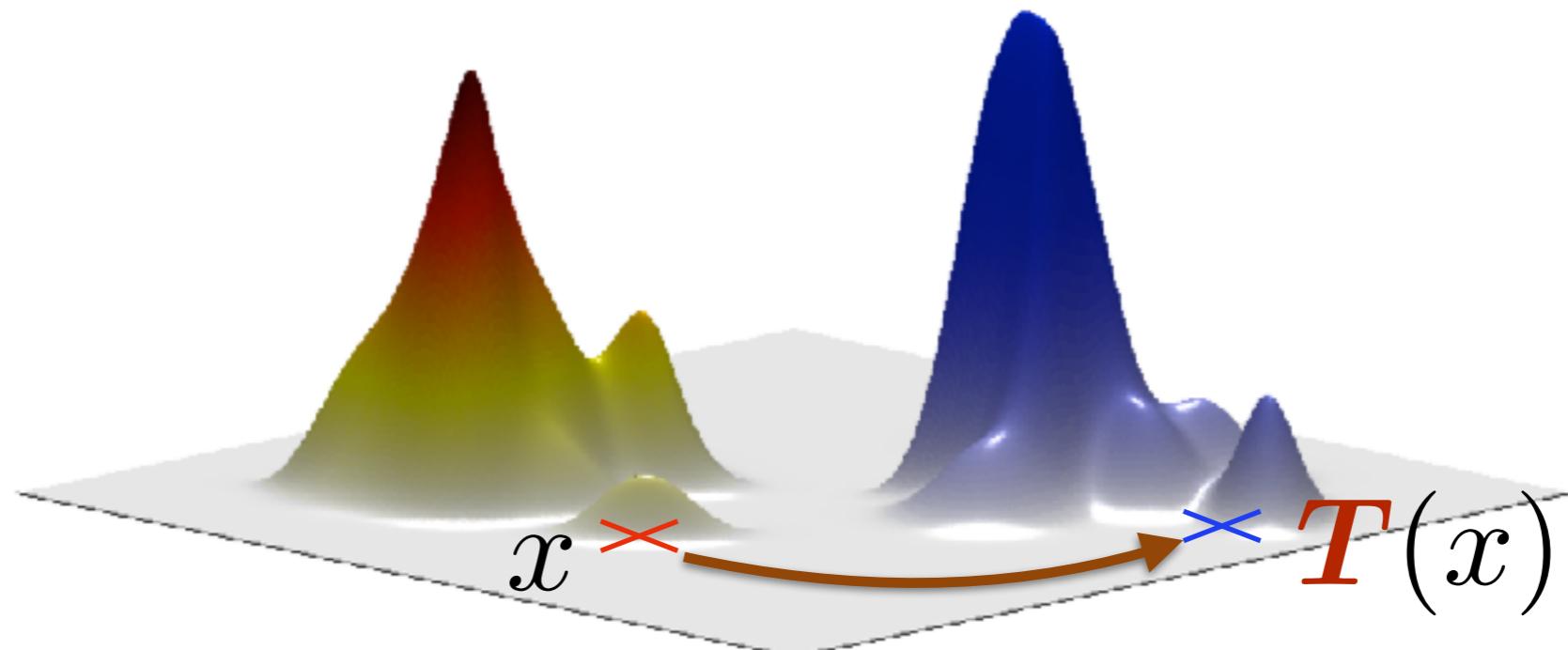


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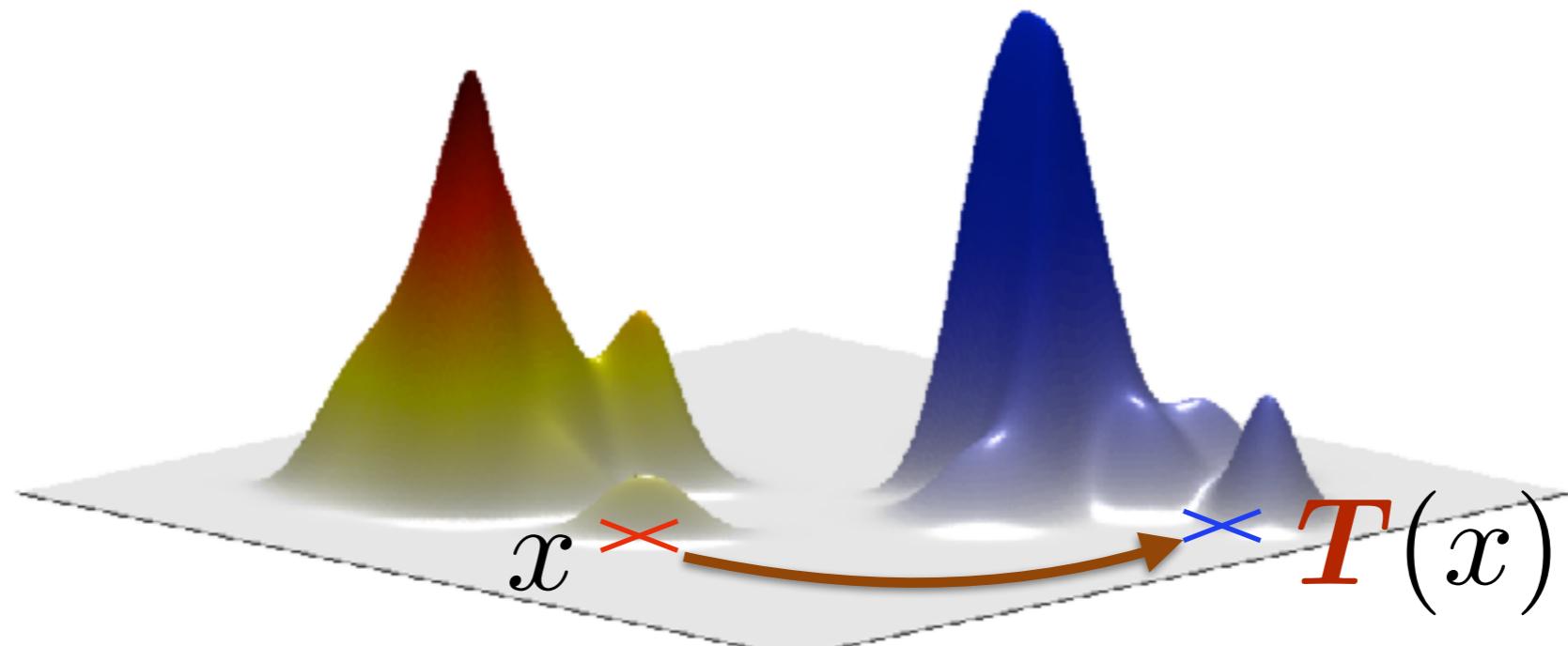
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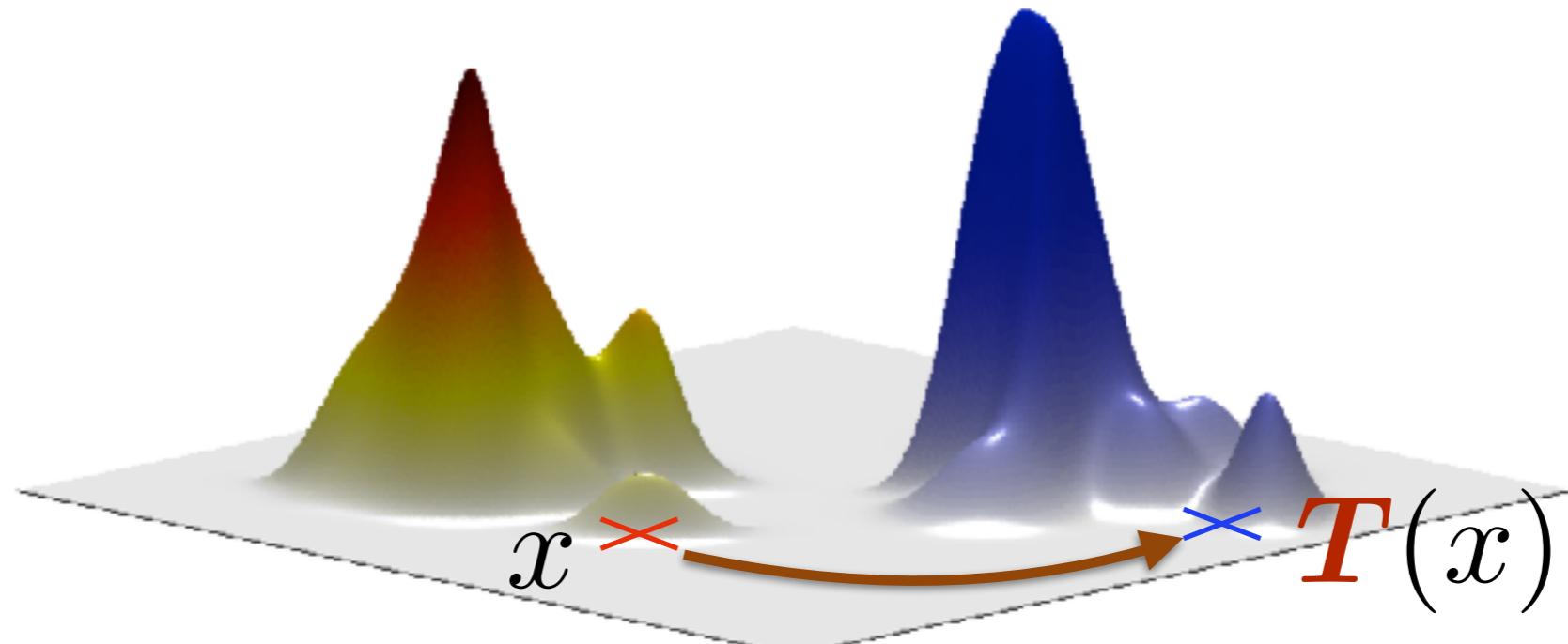


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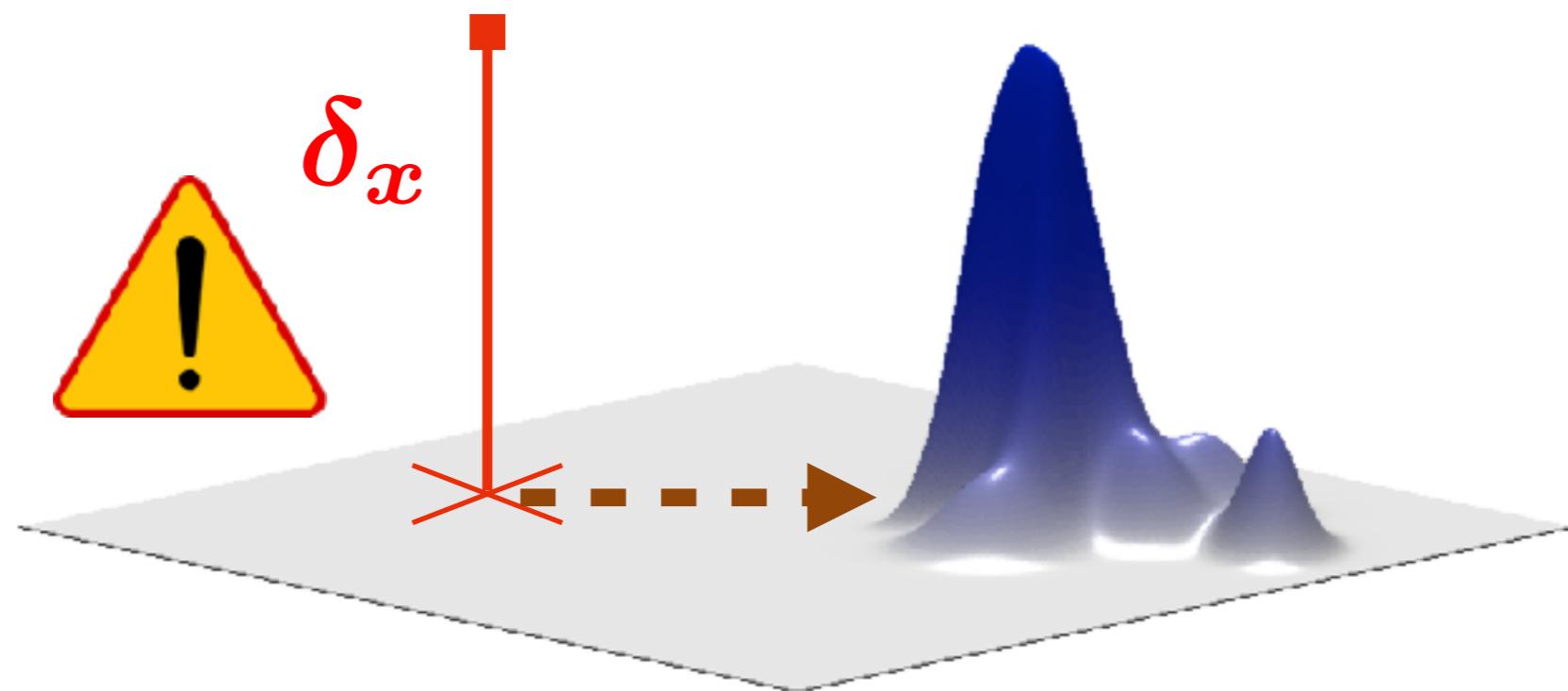


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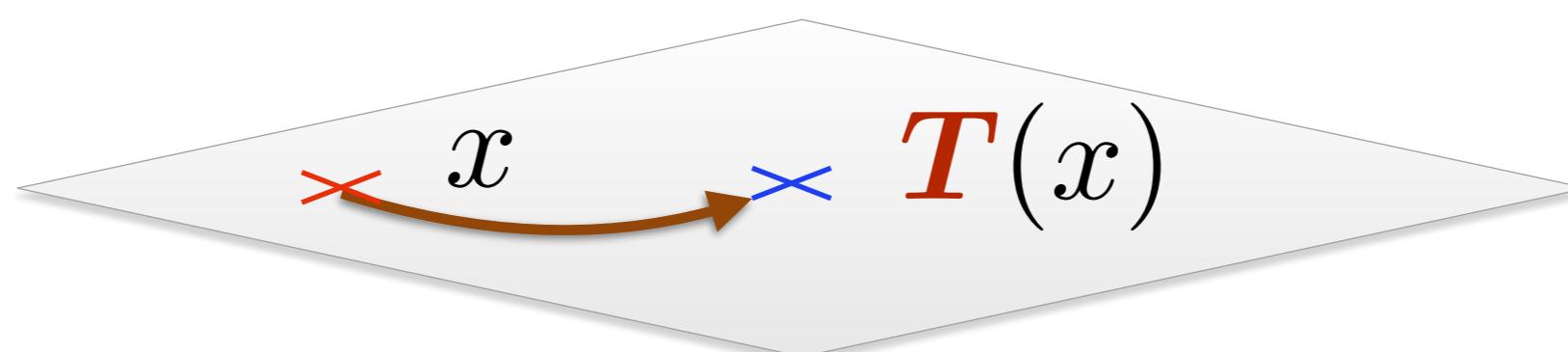
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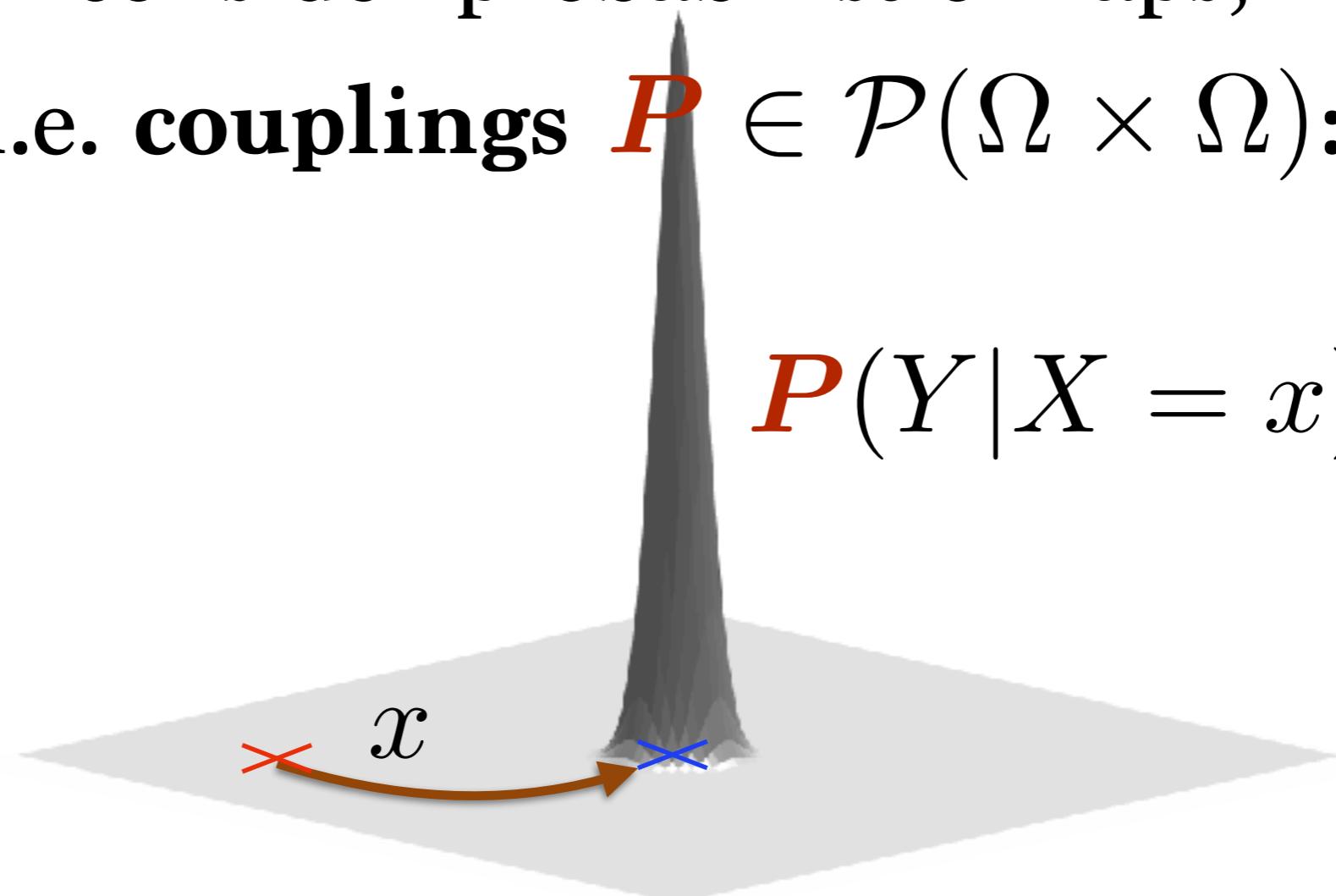
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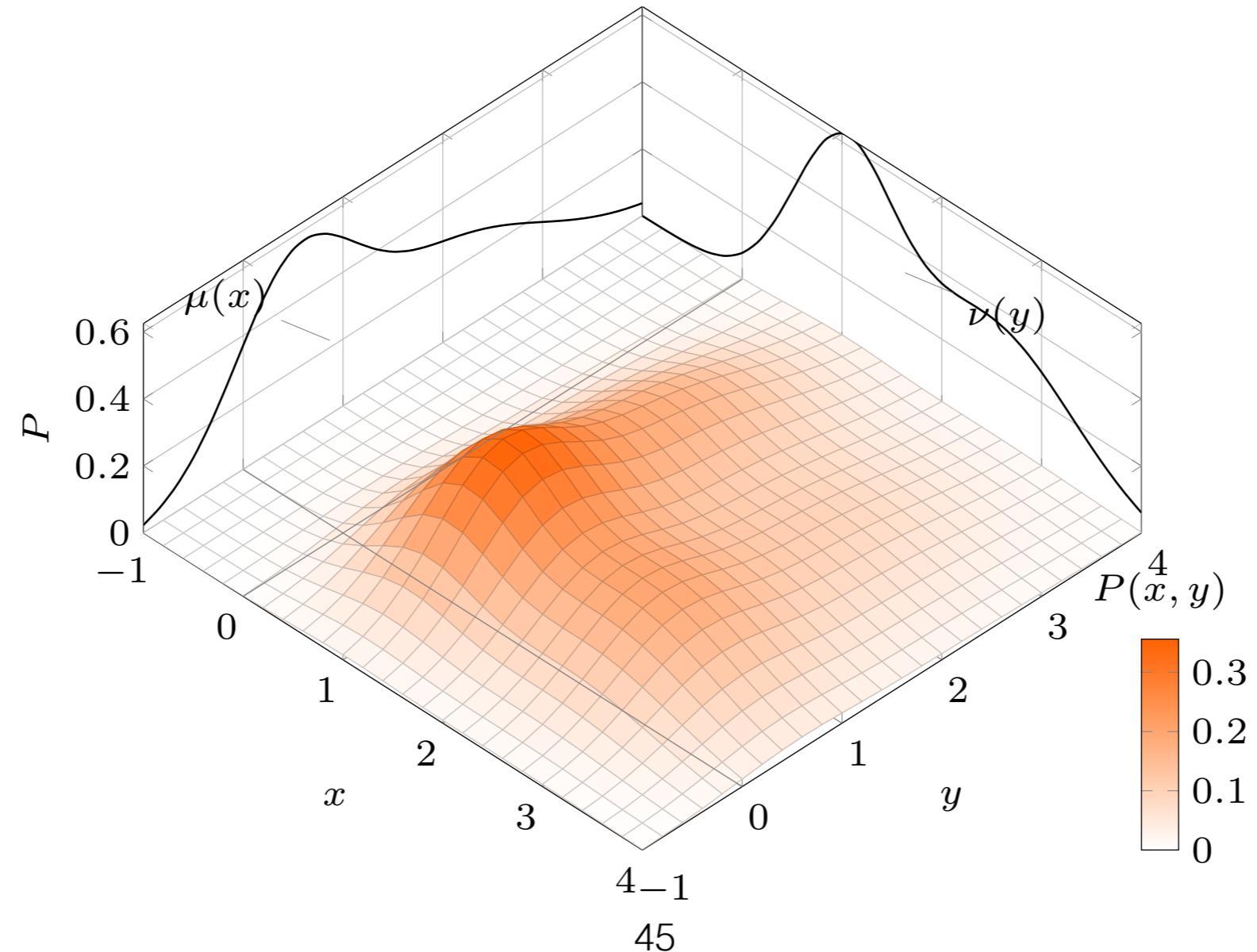
consider probabilistic maps,

i.e. **couplings** $\textcolor{red}{P} \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega \times \Omega)$:

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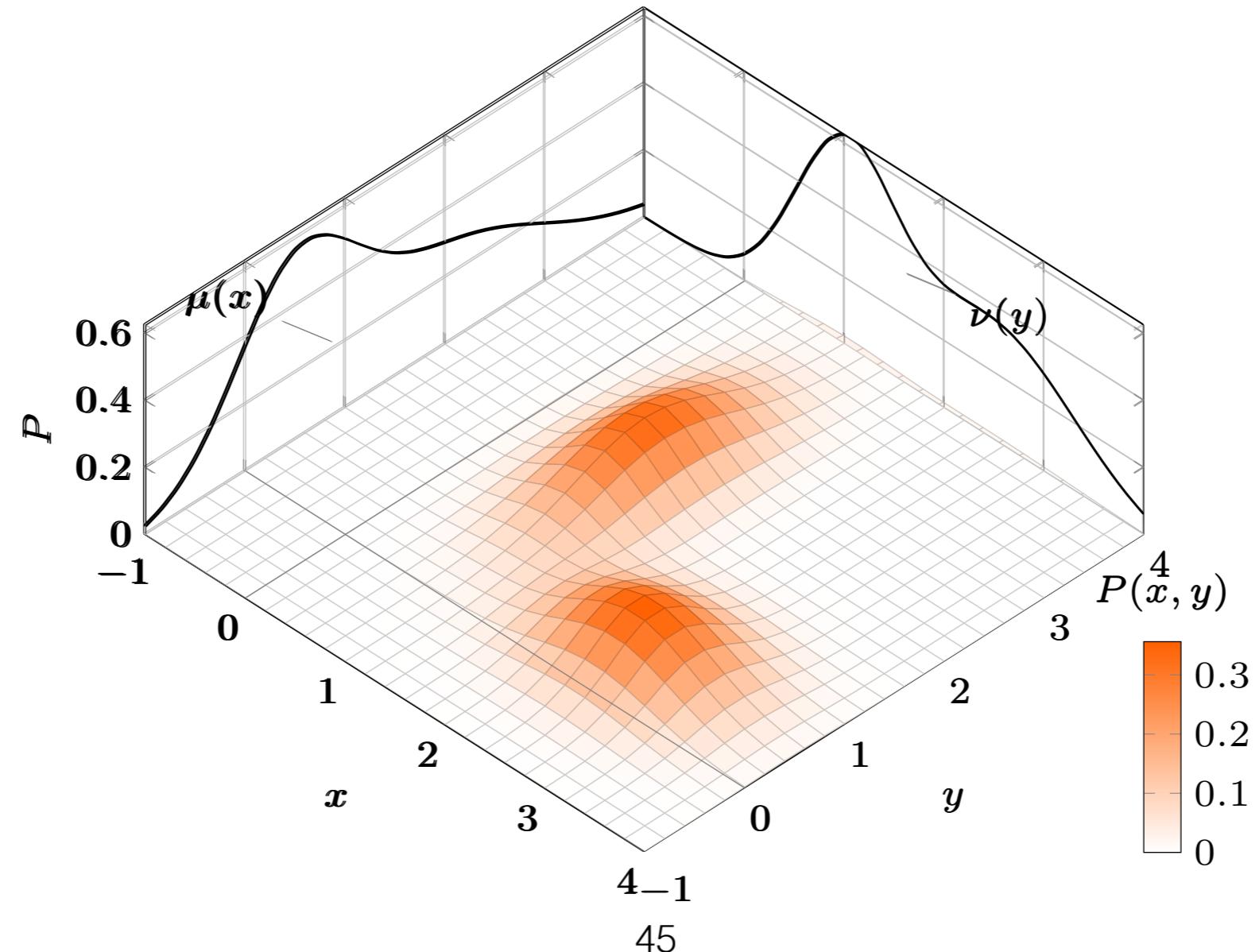
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For two real-valued functions φ, ψ on Ω ,

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- Kantorovich Duality is **interesting** from a computational perspective: easier to store 2 functions than a whole coupling.
- D transforms: go from **two** to **one** dual potential.

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Links between Monge & Kantorovich

Prop. For “well behaved” costs c , if μ has a density then an *optimal* Monge map T^* between μ and ν must exist.

Prop. In that case

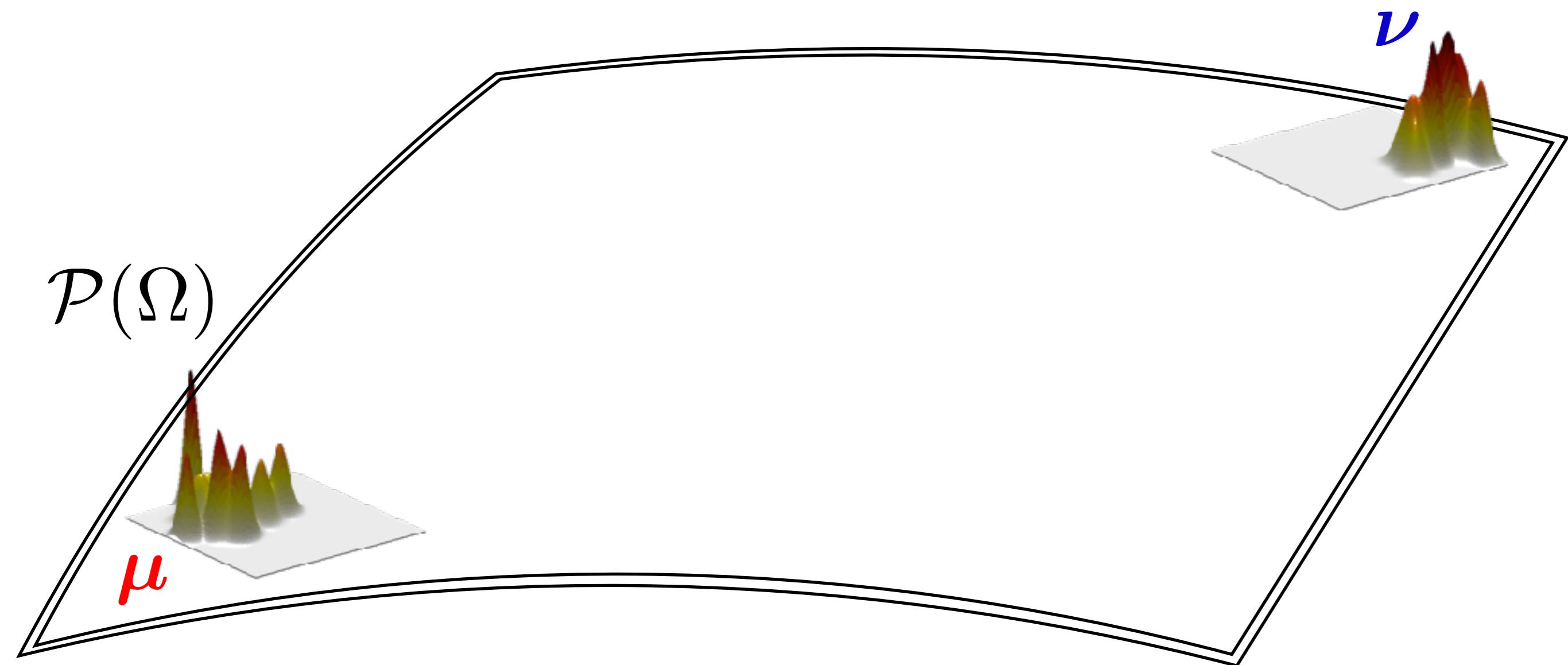
$$P^* := (\text{Id}, T^*)_{\sharp} \mu \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)$$

is also *optimal* for the Kantorovich problem.

[Brenier'91] [Smith&Knott'87] [McCann'01]

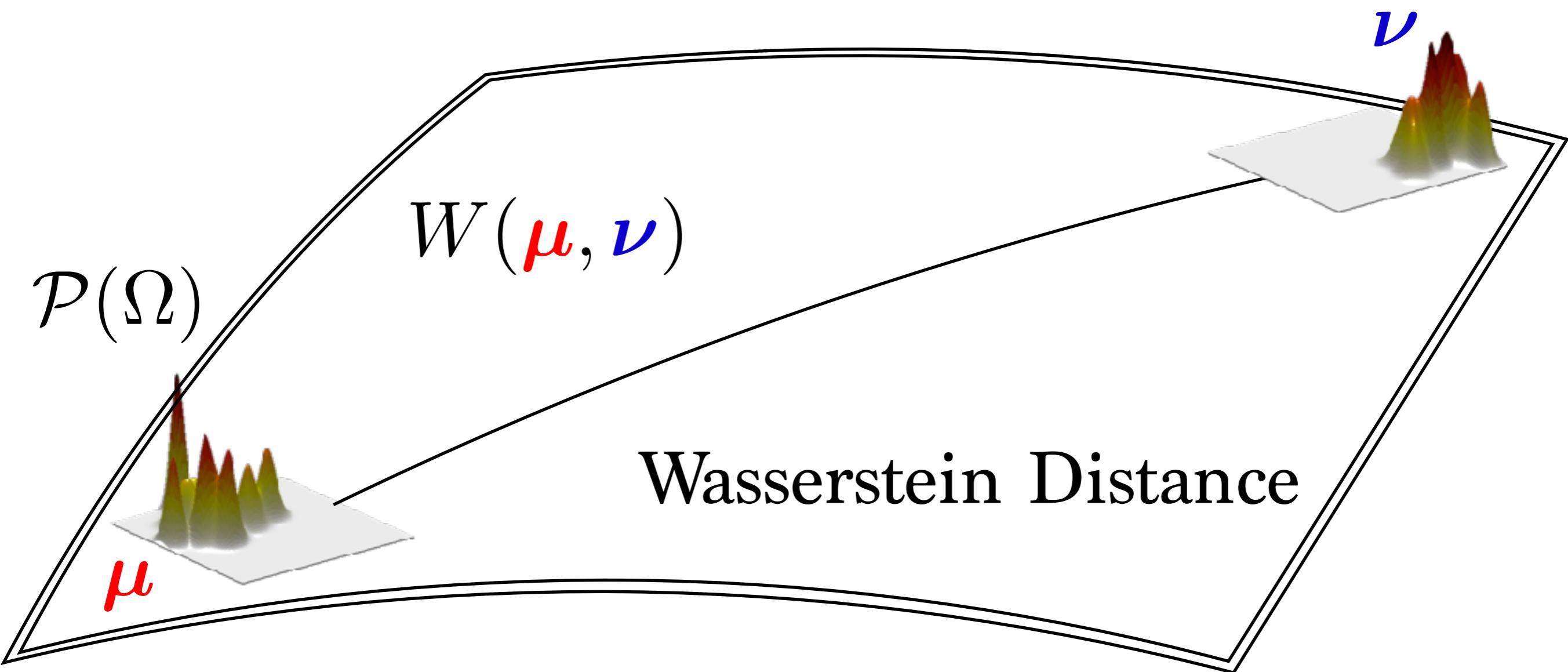
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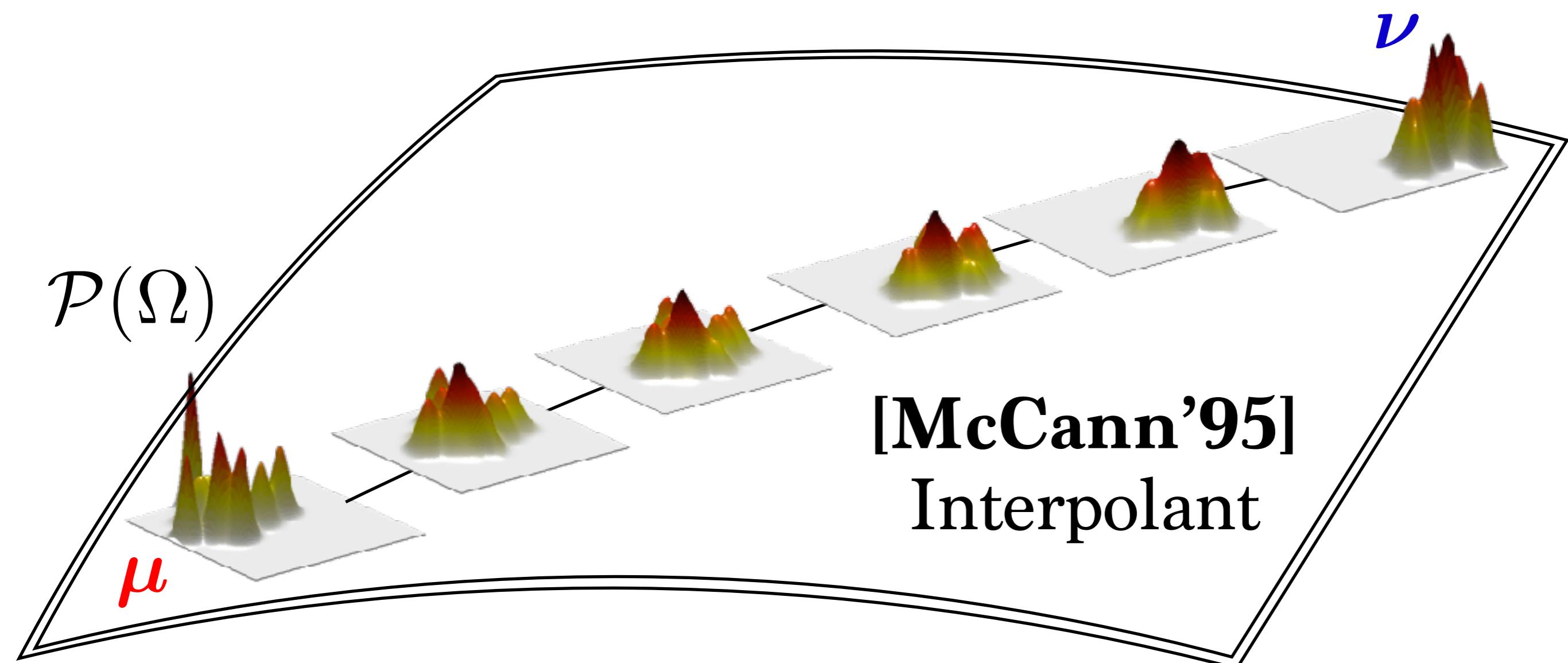
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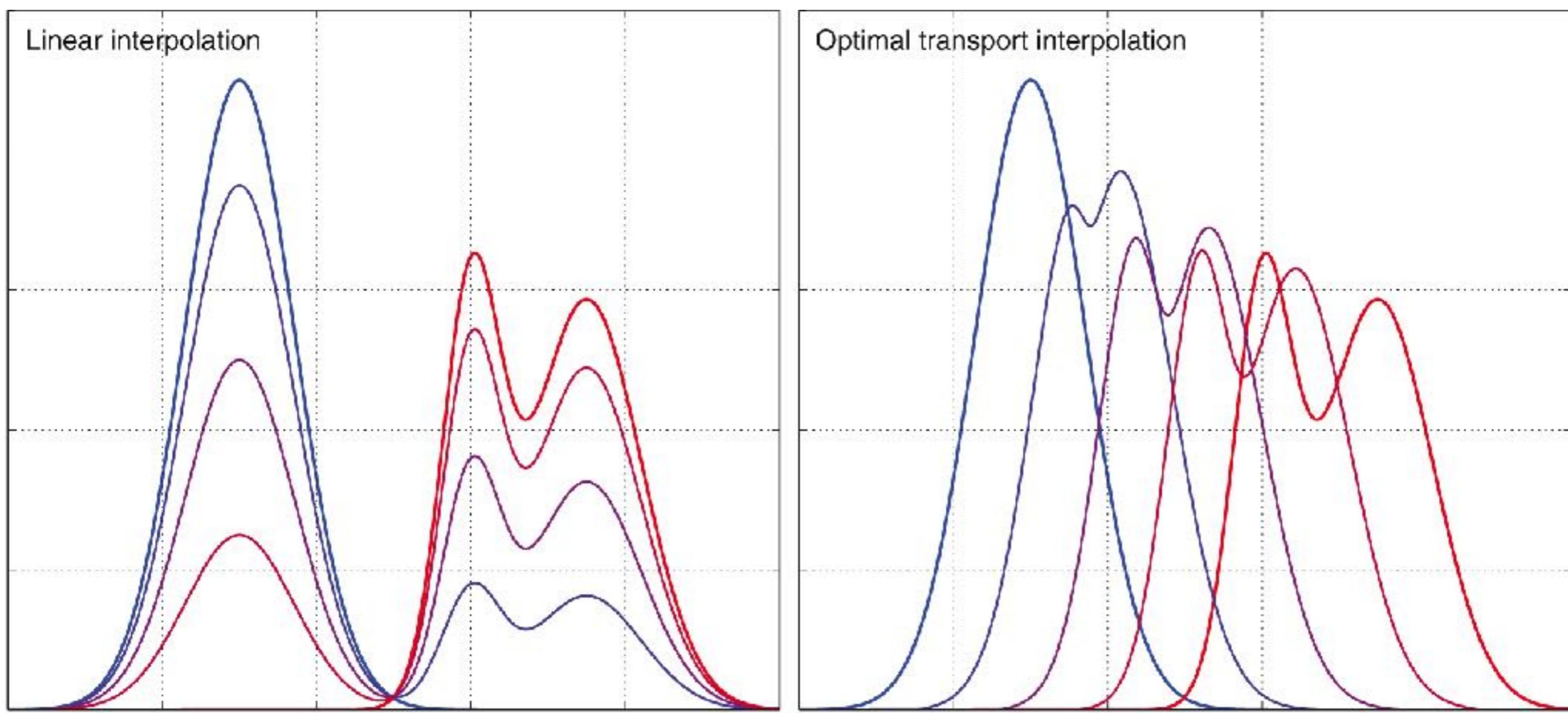
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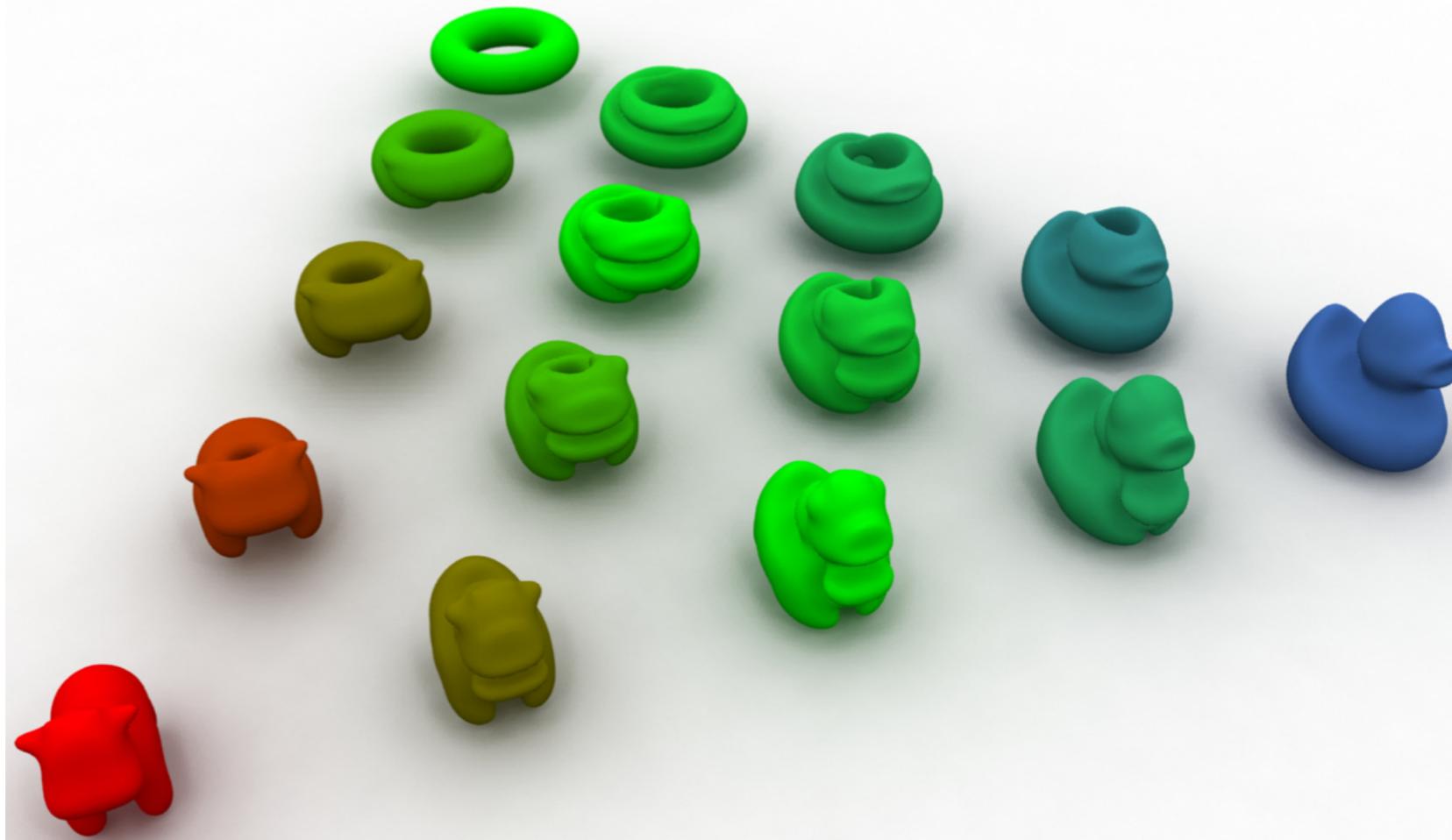
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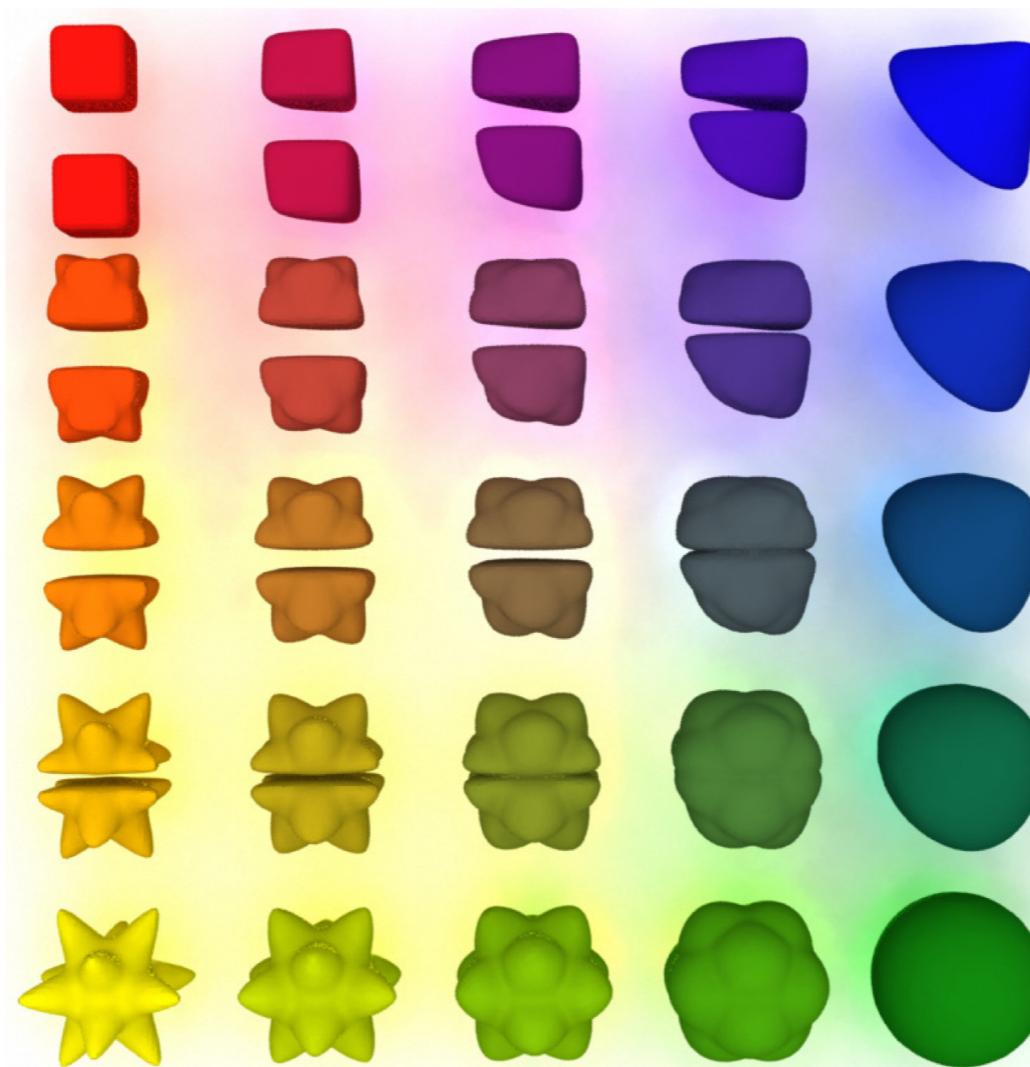
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[SDPC..’15]

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Variational OT Problems in ML

Up to 2010: OT solvers
used mostly for retrieval
in databases of histograms

$$W_p(\mu, \nu) = ?$$

$$W_p(\mu, \nu) \leq \dots ?$$

OT is now used as a **loss** or **fidelity** term:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)} F(W_p(\mu, \nu_1), W_p(\mu, \nu_2), \dots, \mu) = ?$$

[Jordan Kinderlehrer Otto'98]

$$\text{“}\nabla_{\mu}\text{”} W_p(\mu, \nu) = ?$$

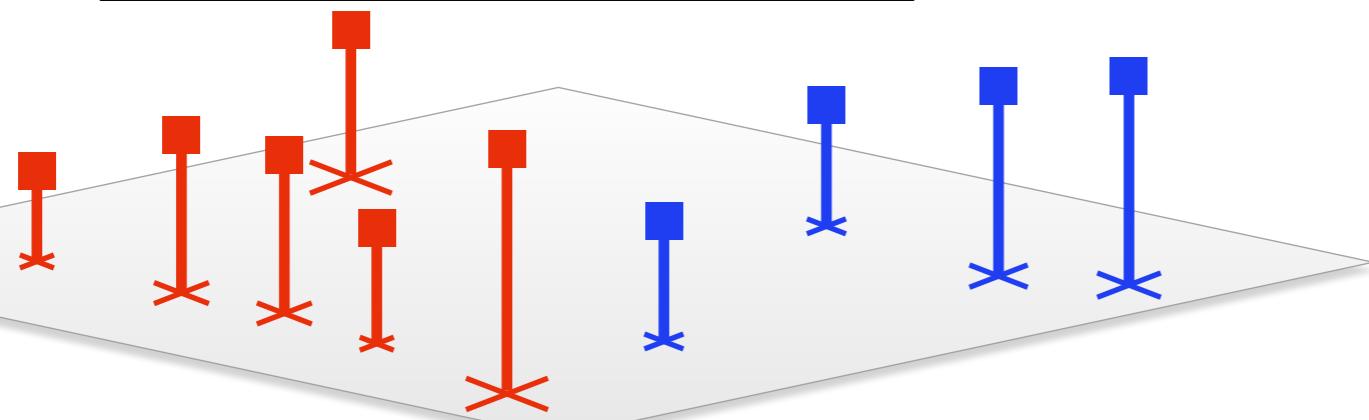
[Ambrosio Gigli Savaré'05]

2. Computing OT exactly

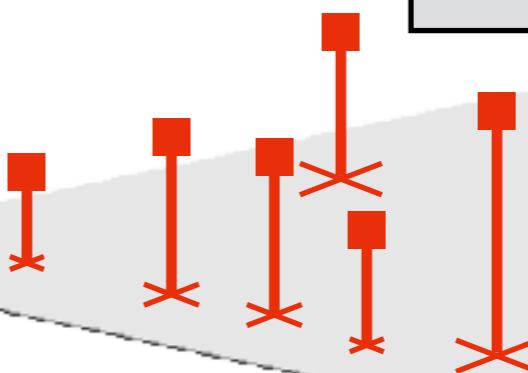
- Typology: discrete/continuous problems
- Easy cases and exact solvers for discrete measures.

When do we compute OT?

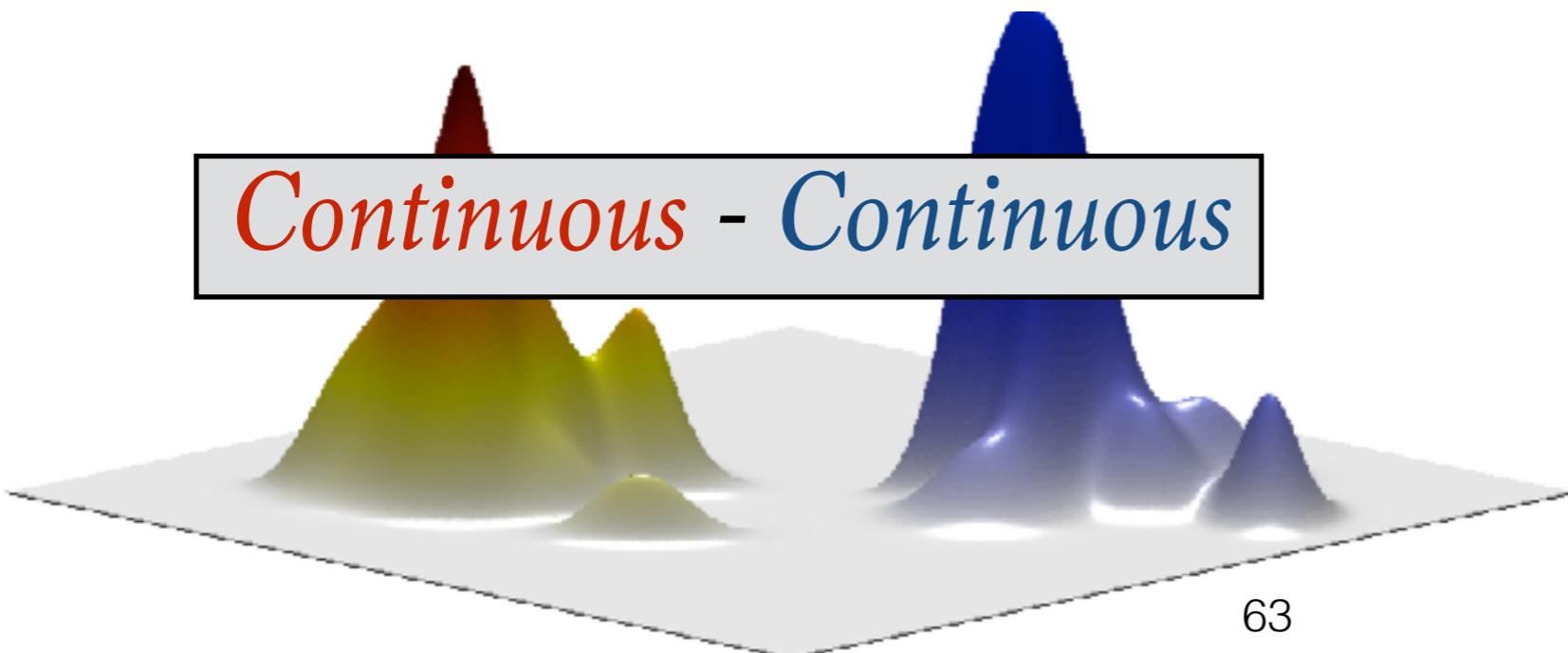
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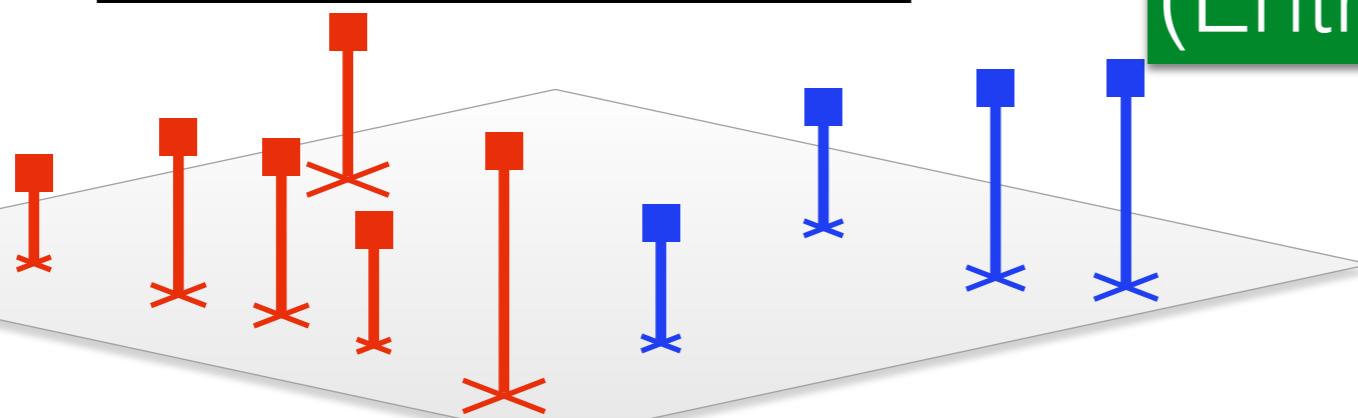


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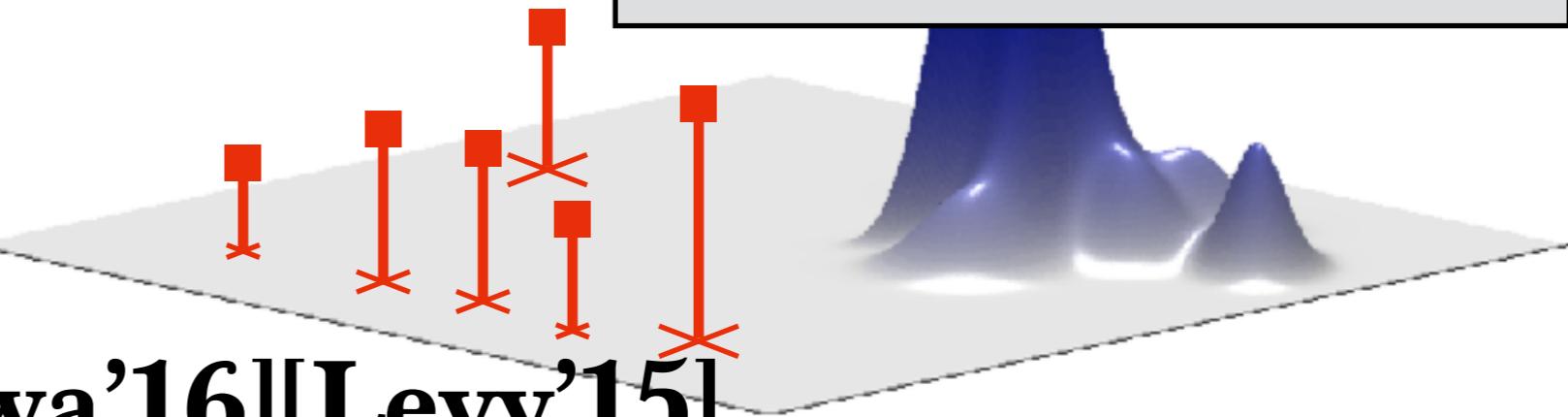
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Discrete - Discrete



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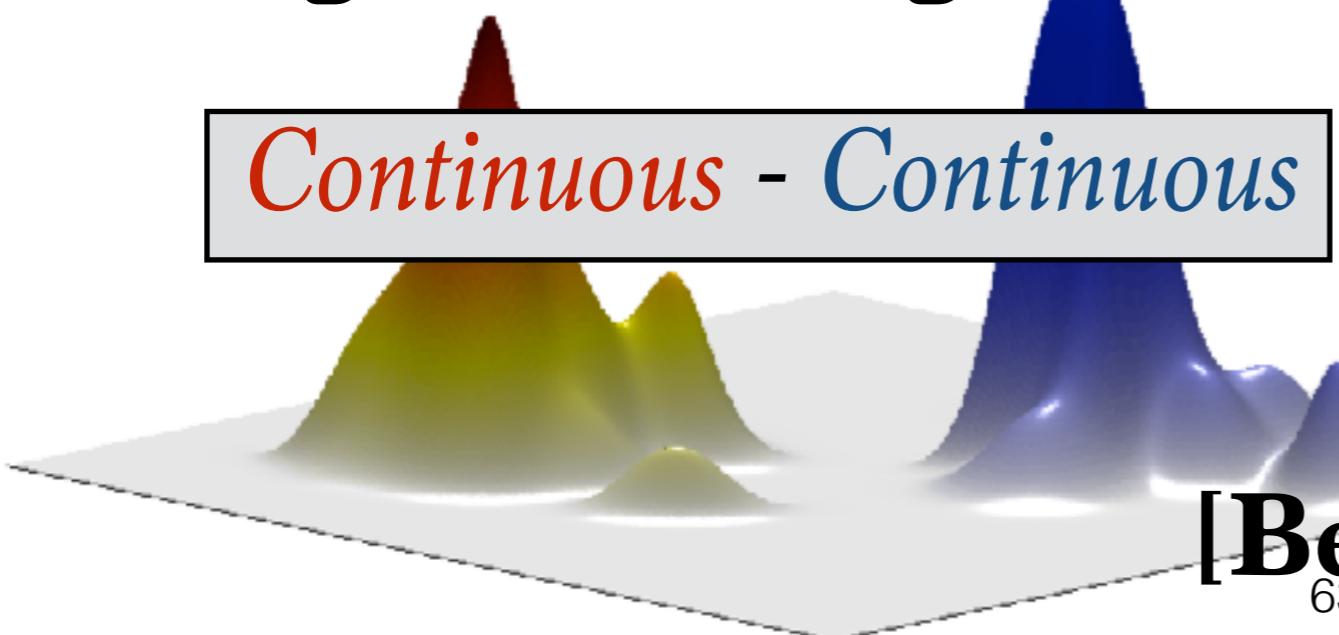
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[Mérigot'11][Kitagawa'16][Levy'15]

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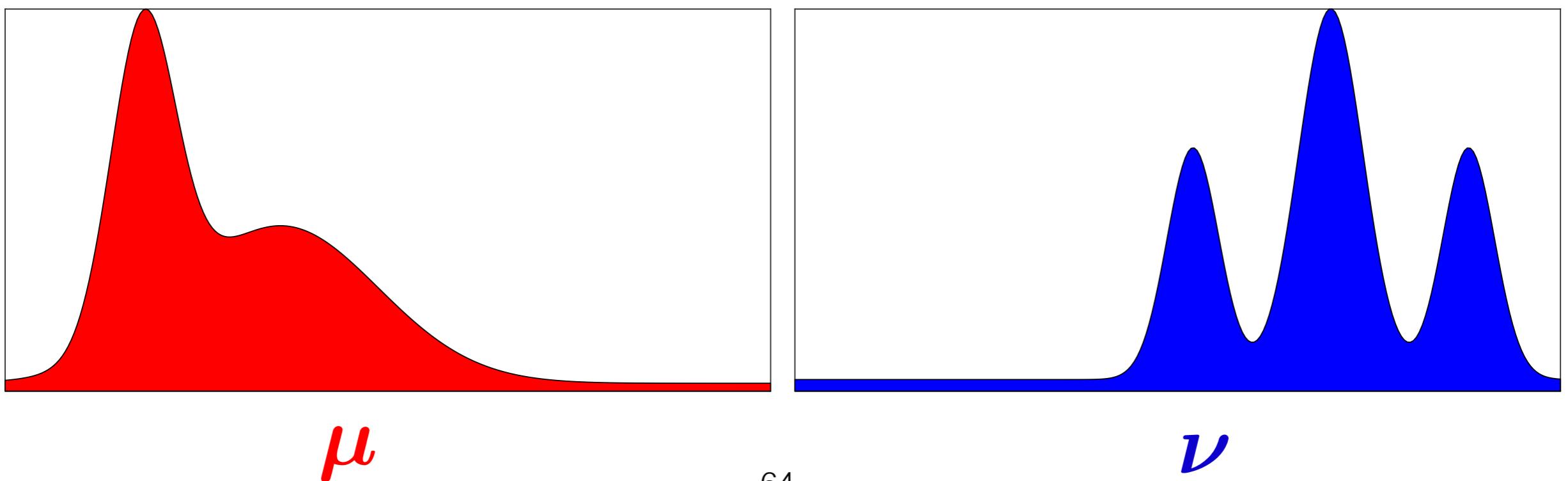
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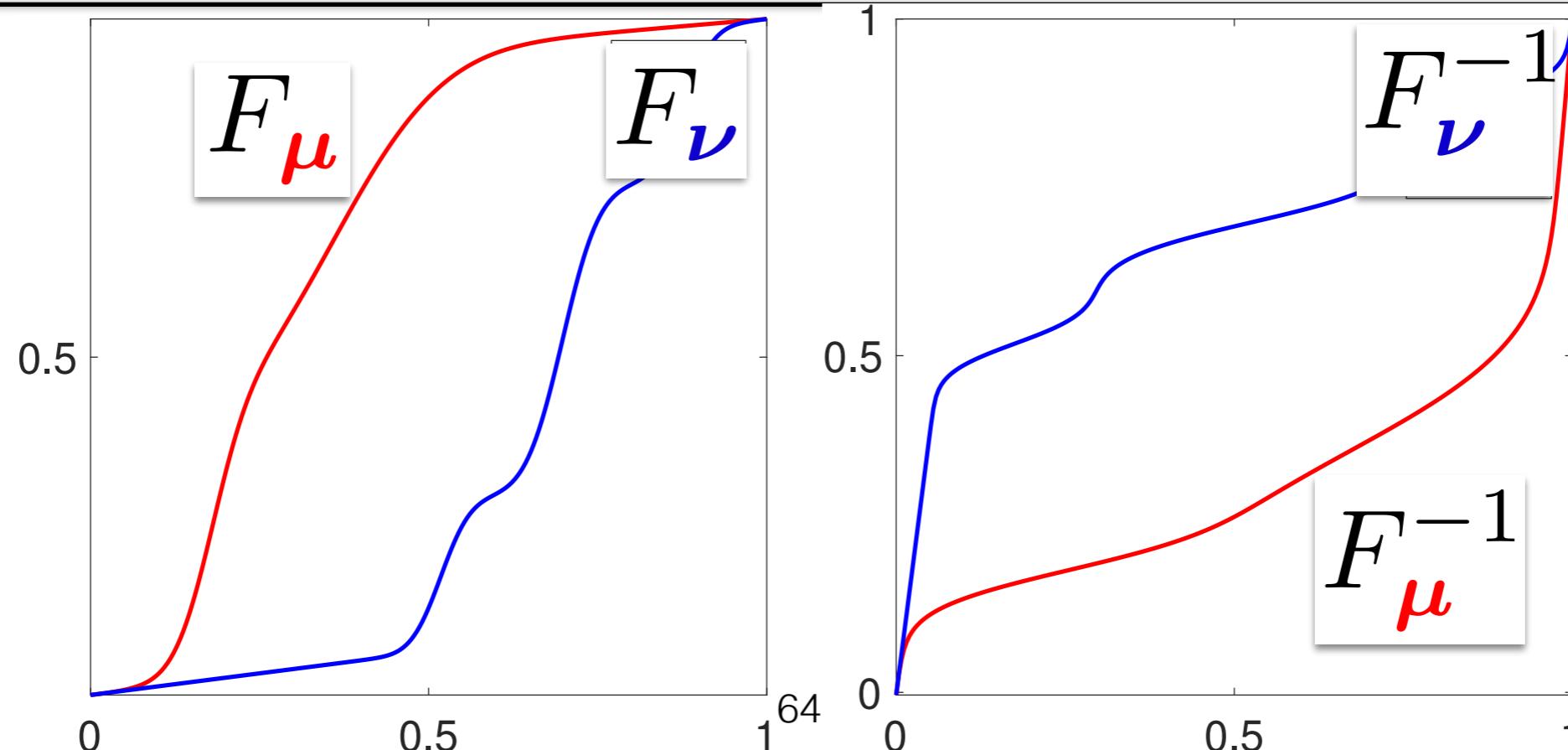
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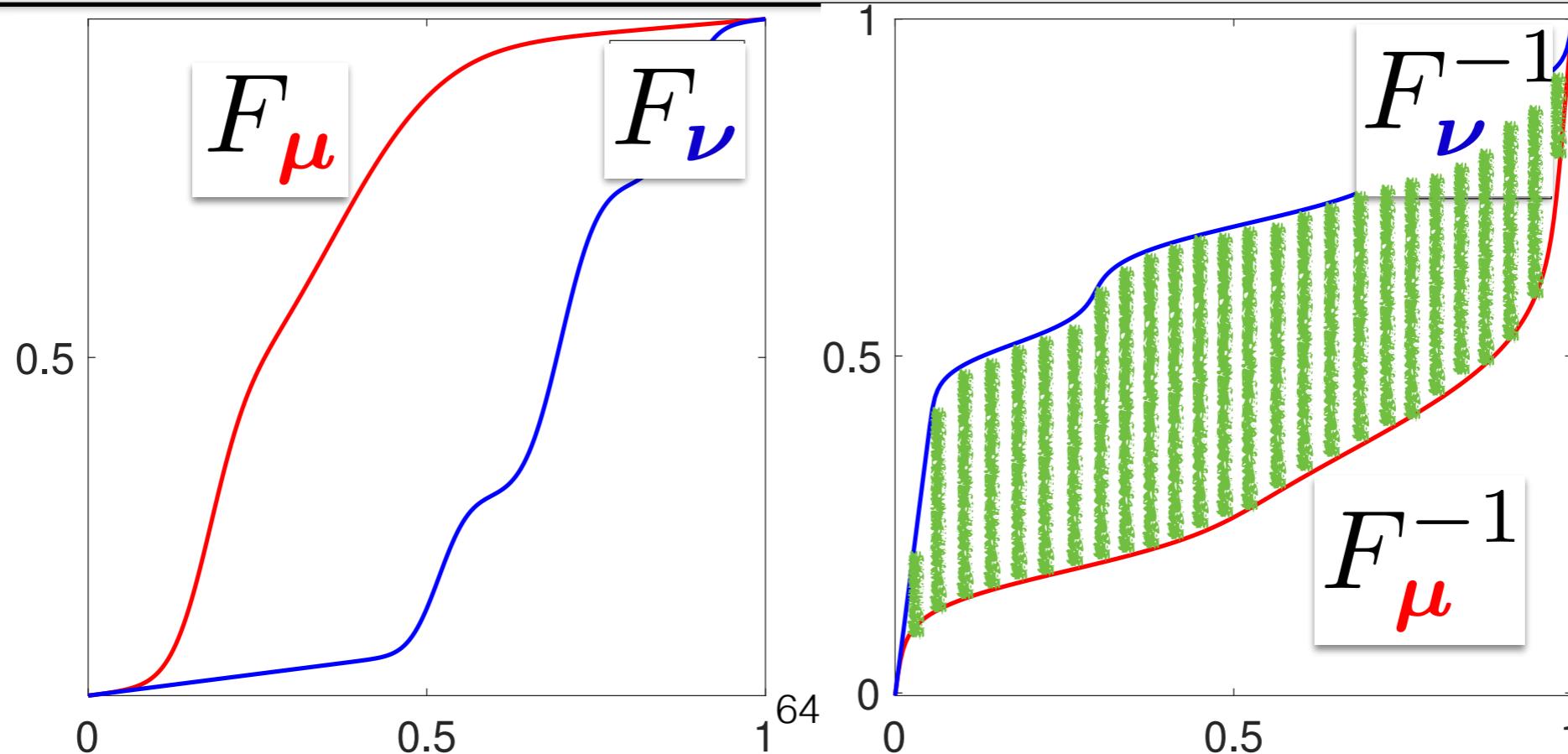
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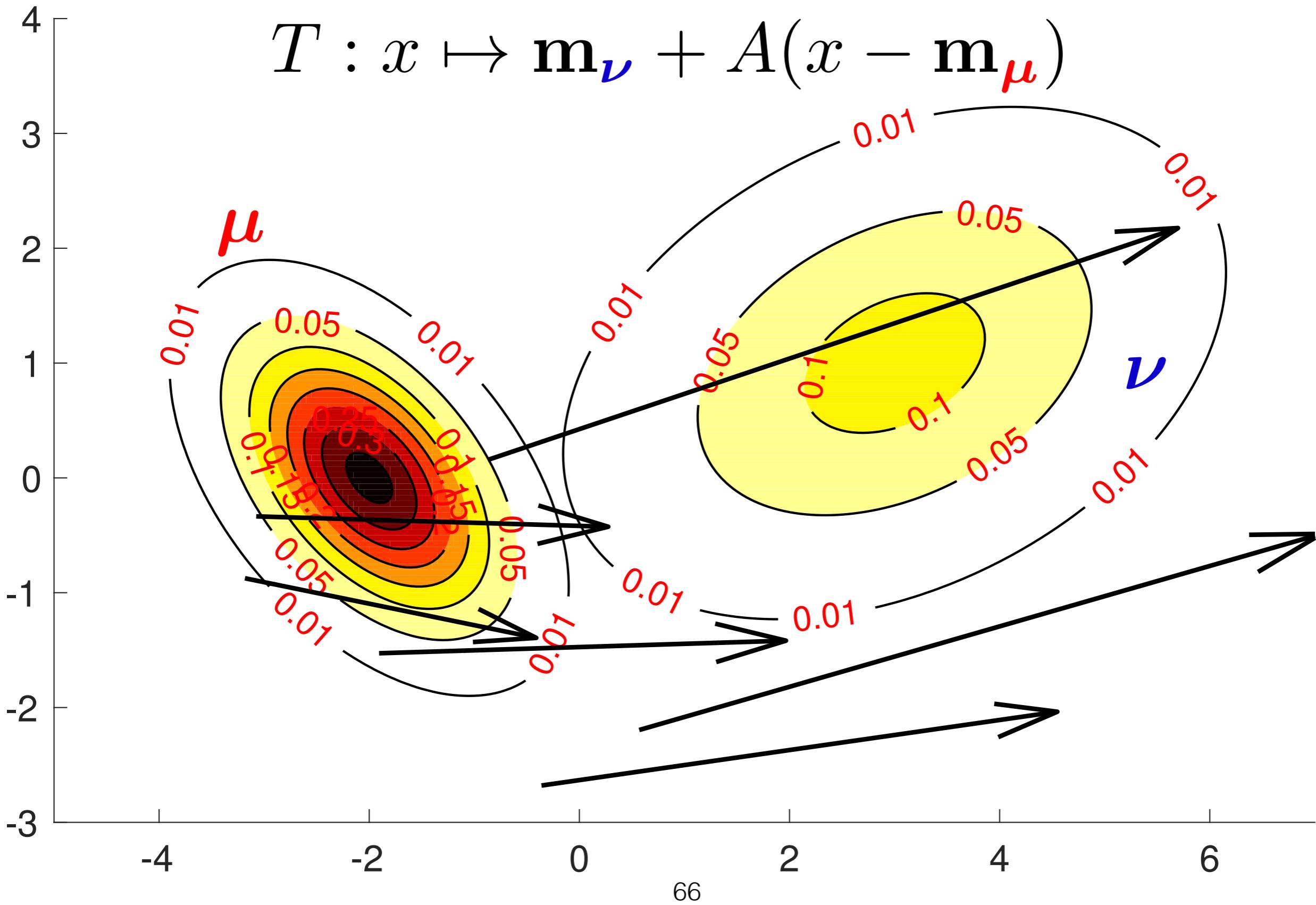
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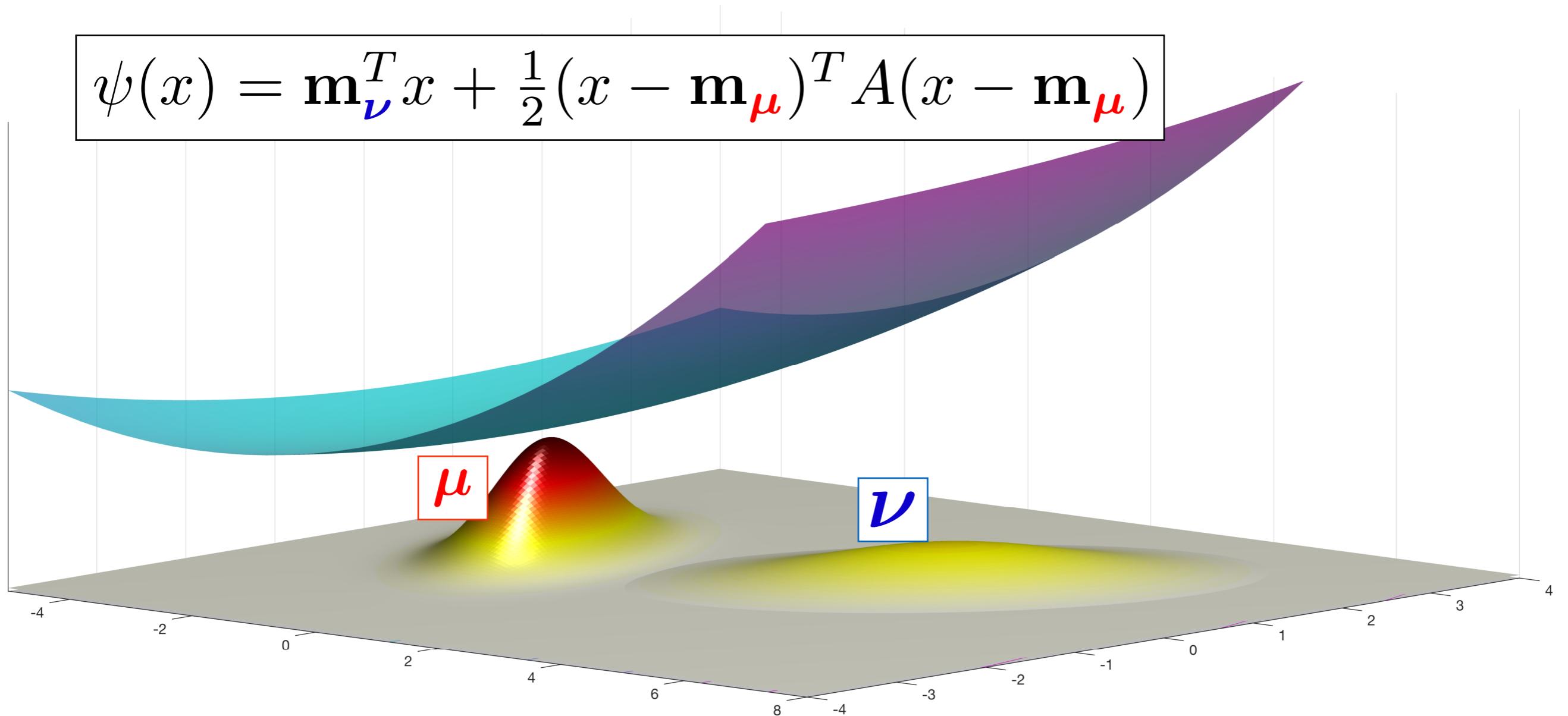
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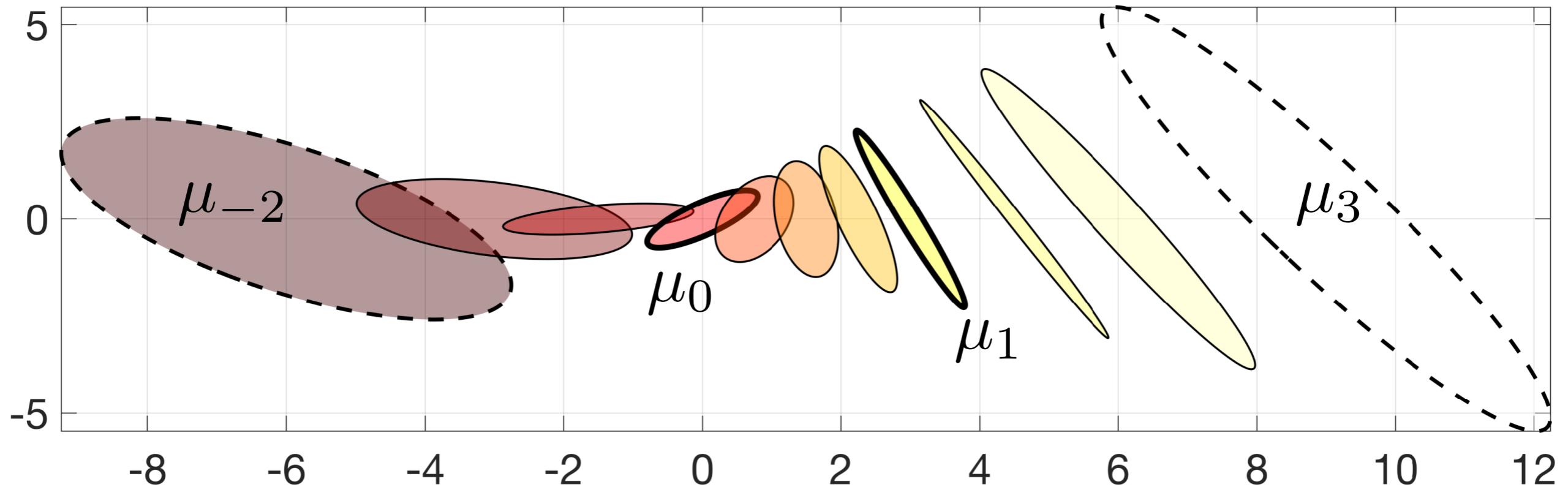
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$$\psi(x) = \mathbf{m}_{\nu}^T x + \frac{1}{2}(x - \mathbf{m}_{\mu})^T A(x - \mathbf{m}_{\mu})$$



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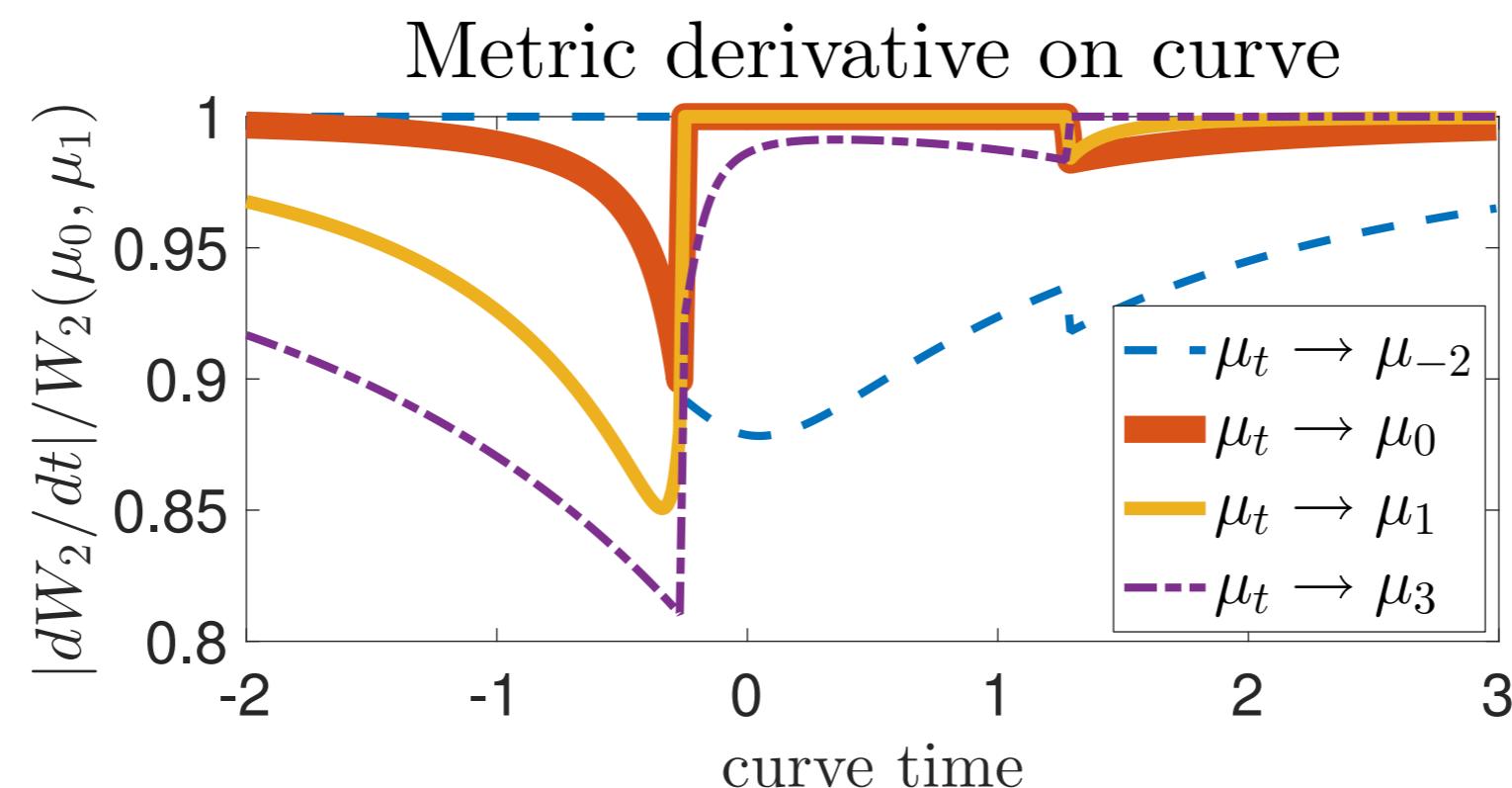
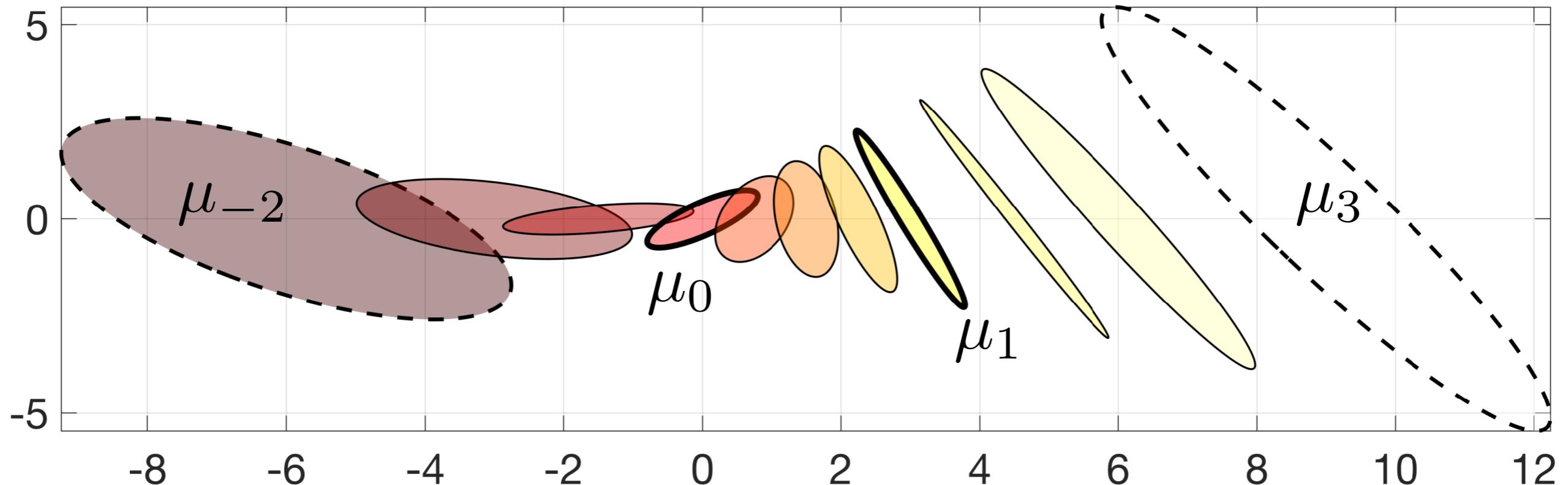
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$$\Sigma_{\textcolor{green}{t}} = ((1-t)I + tA) \Sigma_{\textcolor{red}{\mu}} ((1-t)I + tA)$$

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Easy (3): Elliptical Distributions

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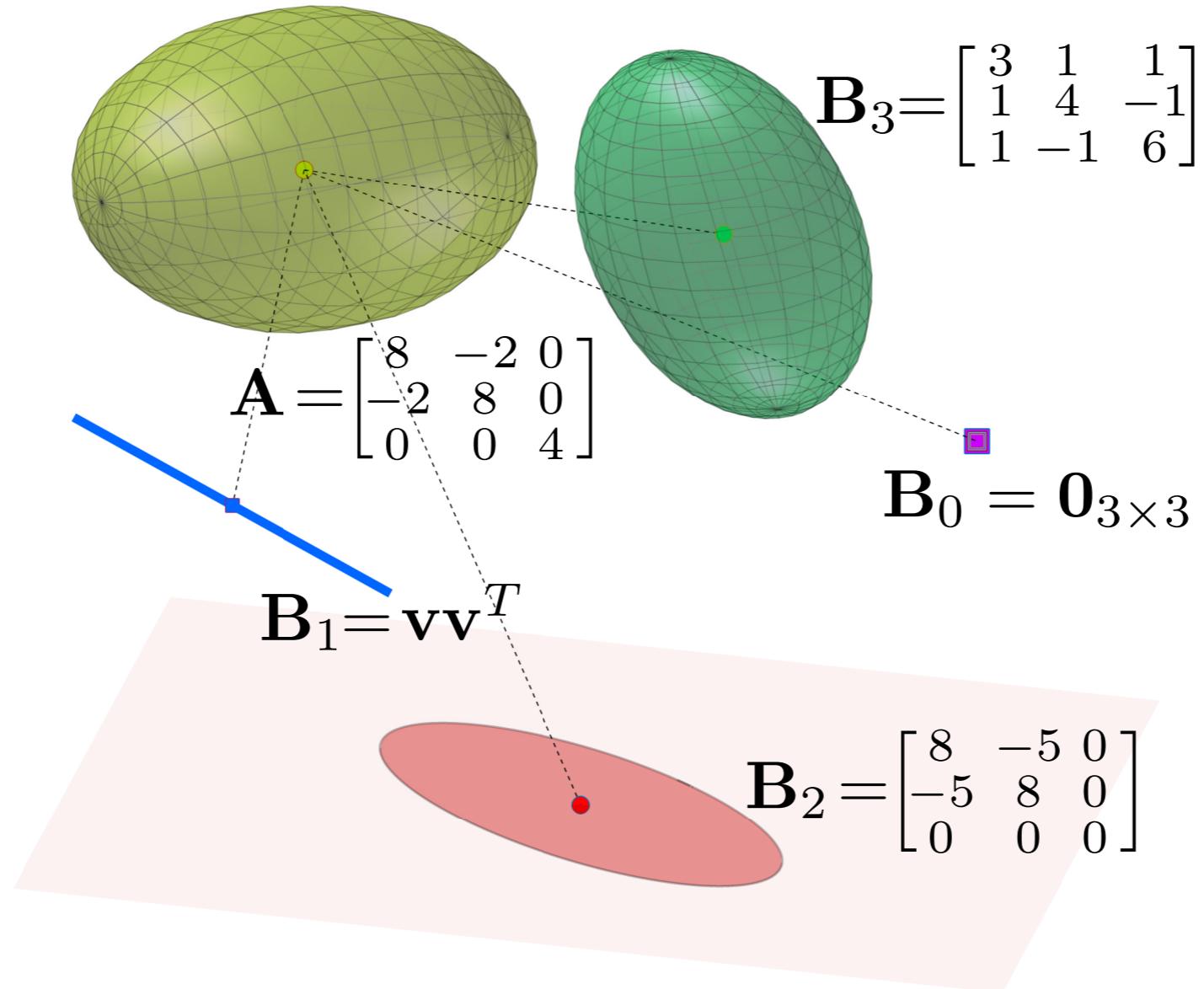
[Gelbrich'92] shows that the linear map T is also **optimal** for elliptically contoured distributions, *i.e.* distributions whose MGF are

$$\phi_X(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\sqrt{-1} \mathbf{t}^T X} \right] = e^{\sqrt{-1} \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{m}} g(\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{t})$$

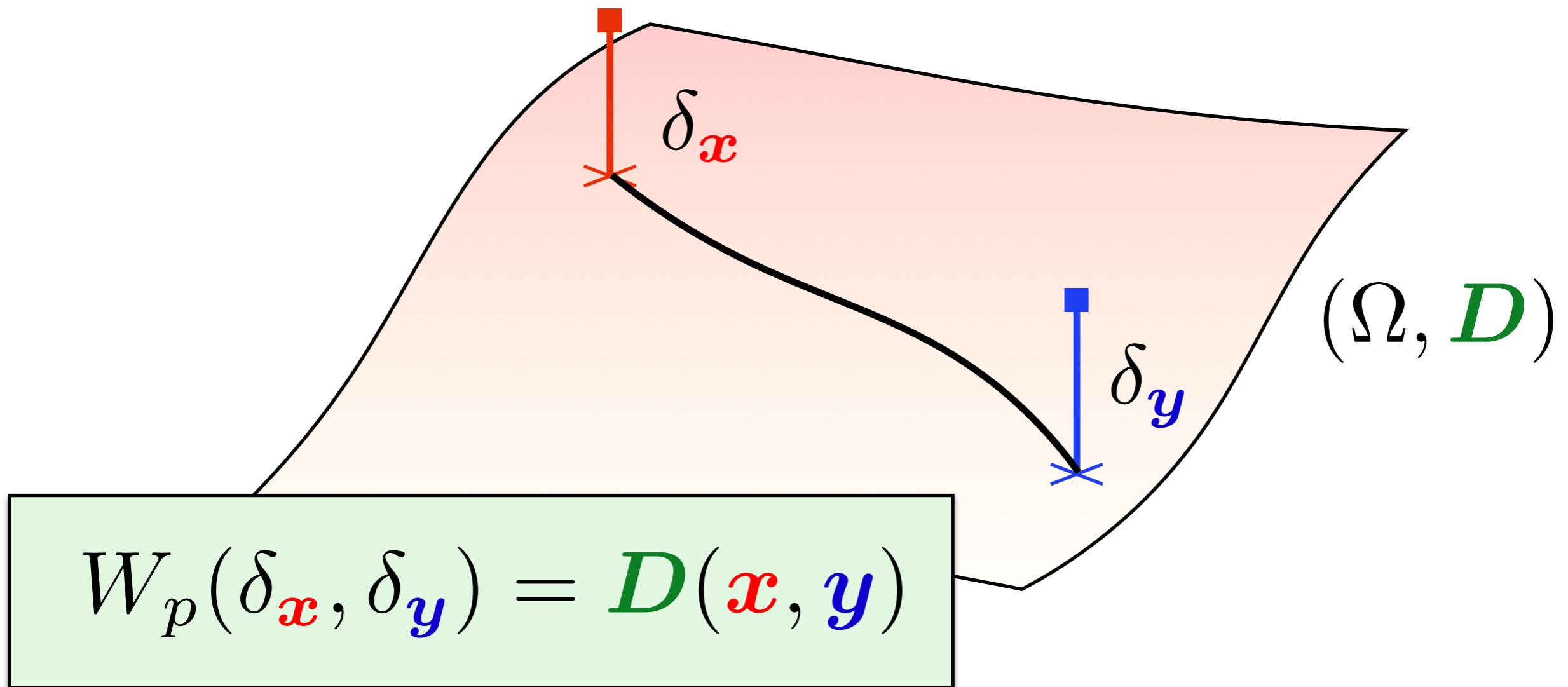
g of positive type.

Same formula applies, but variance is a factor (depends on g) of \mathbf{C} , hence Bures factor is scaled.

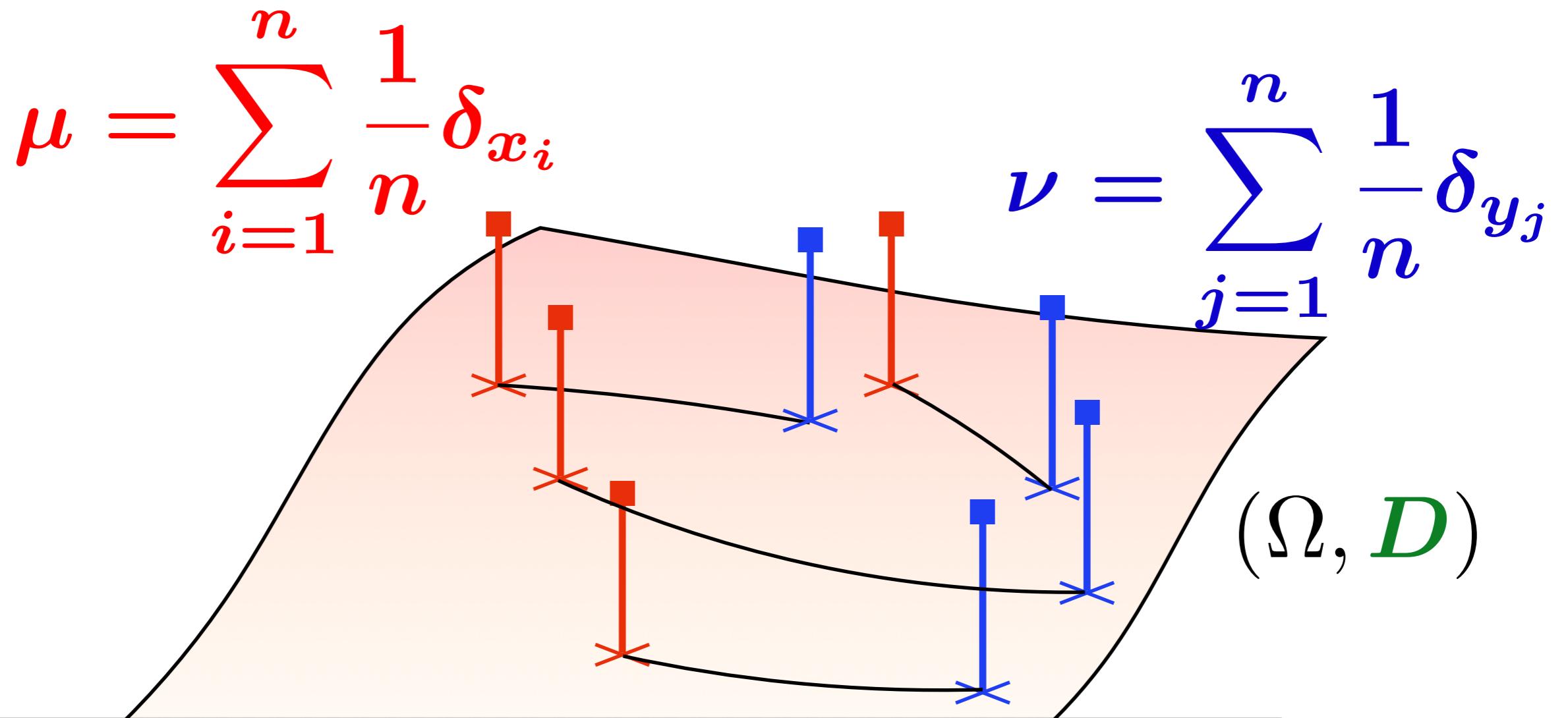
Easy (3): Uniform Ellipses



Wasserstein Between Two Diracs

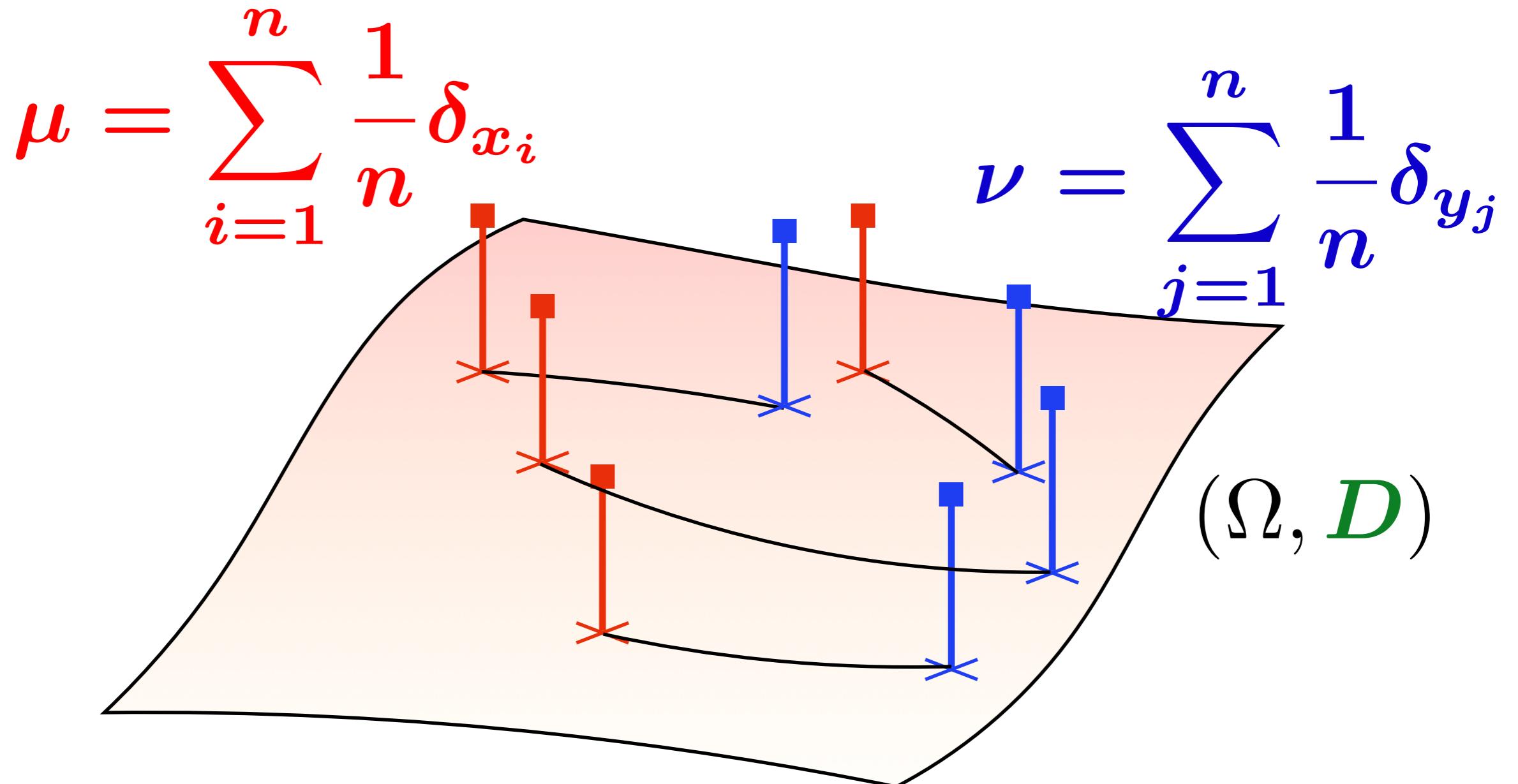


Linear Assignment \subset Wasserstein



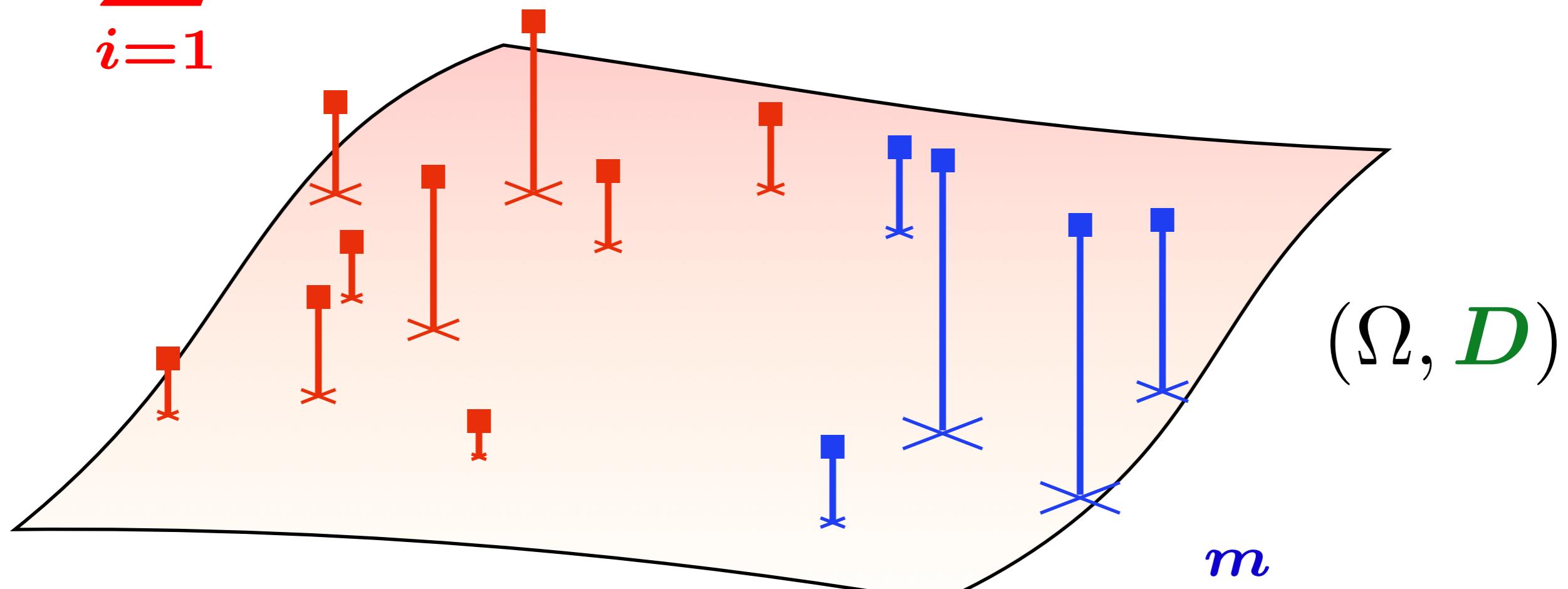
$$W_p^p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \min_{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \in S_n} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n D(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i})^p$$

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OT on Two Empirical Measures

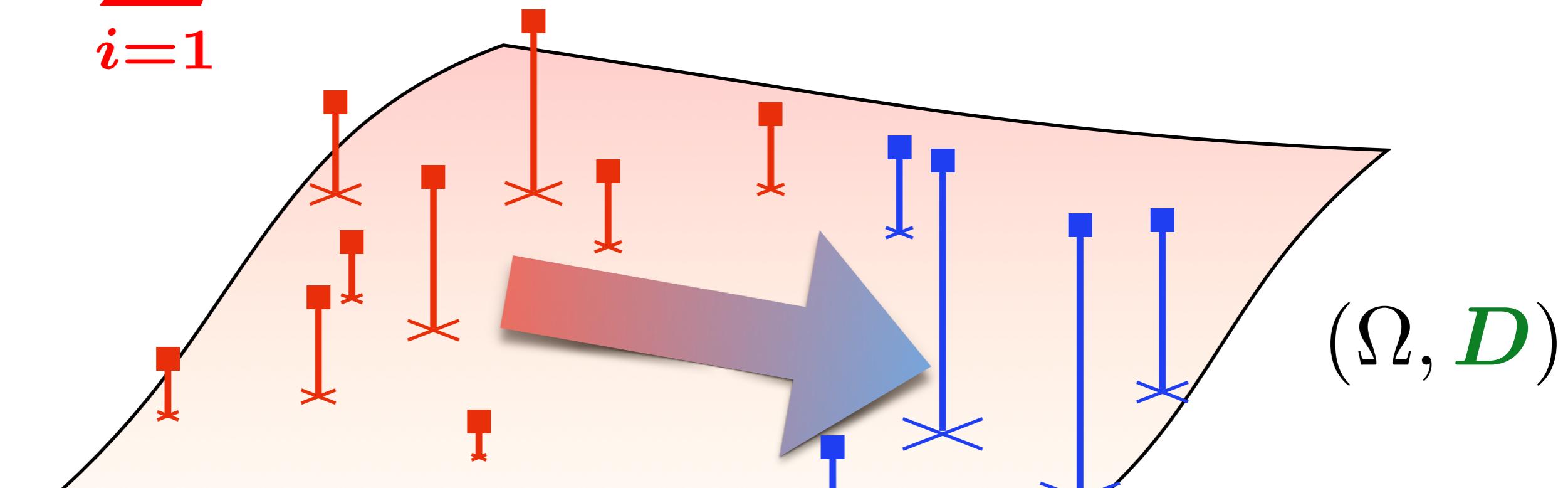
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Wasserstein on Empirical Measures

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$$M_{\mathbf{XY}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [D(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j)^p]_{ij}$$

$$U(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times m} \mid \mathbf{P}\mathbf{1}_m = \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{1}_n = \mathbf{b} \}$$

Def. Optimal Transport Problem

$$W_p^p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \min_{\mathbf{P} \in U(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})} \langle \mathbf{P}, M_{\mathbf{XY}} \rangle$$

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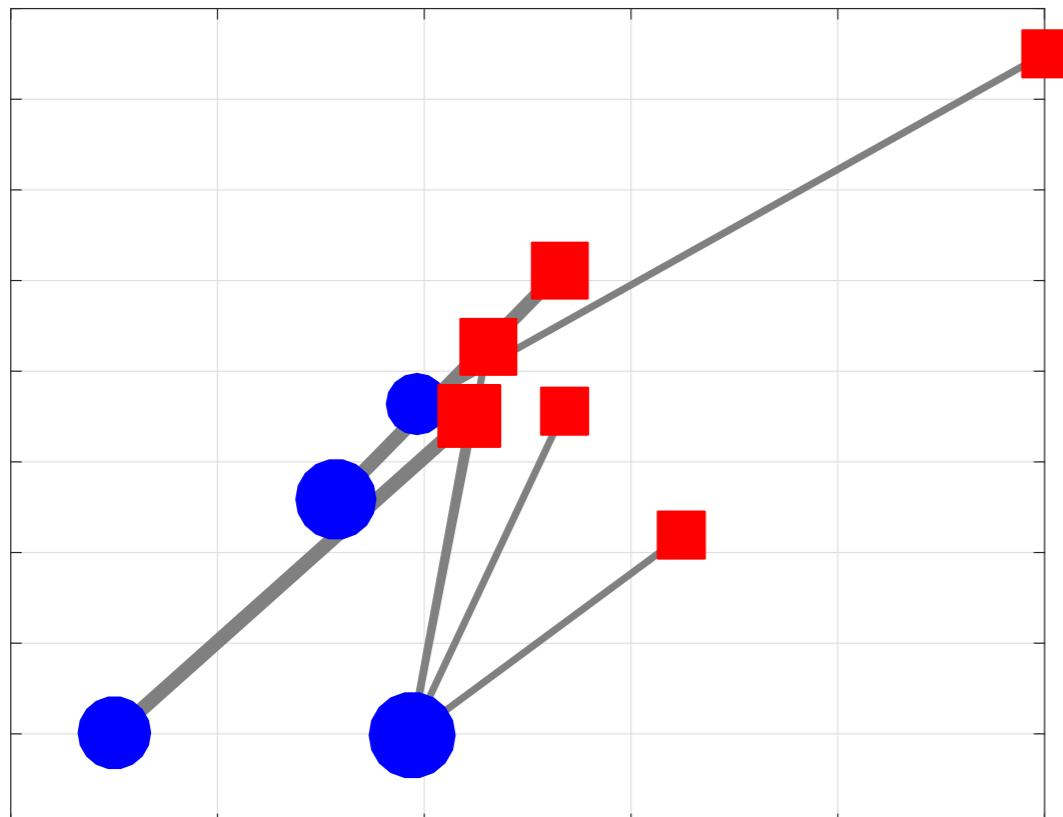
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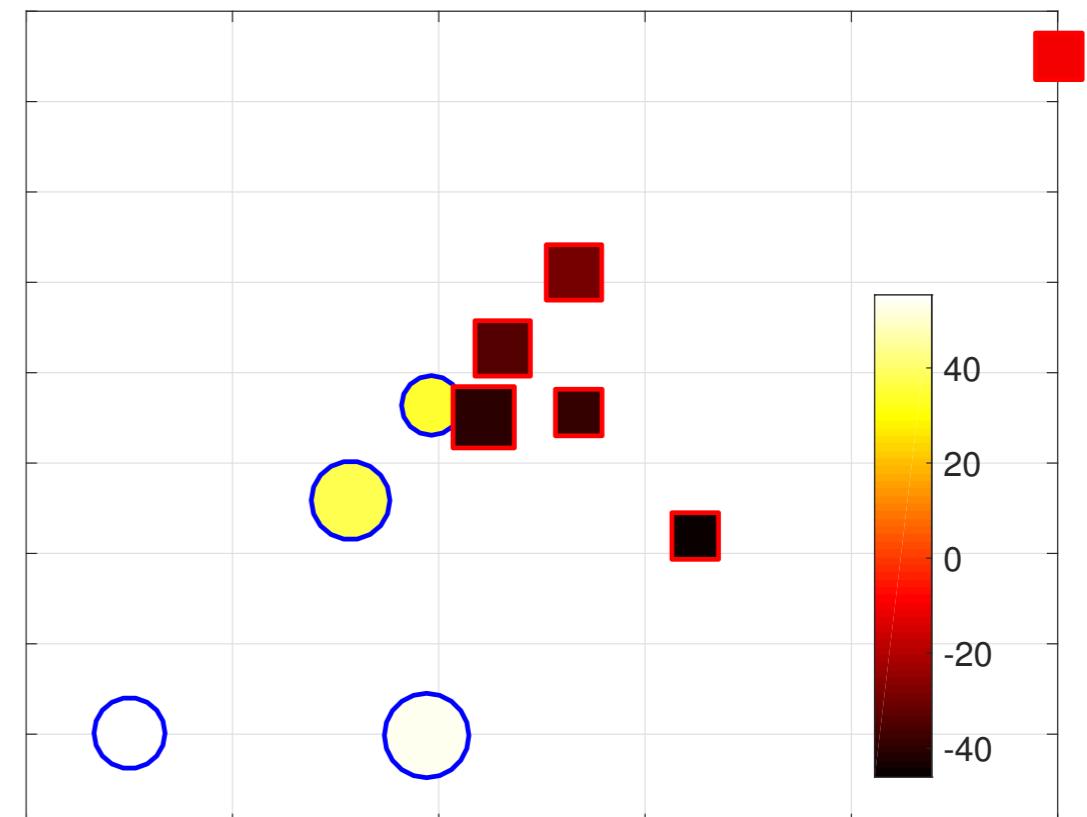
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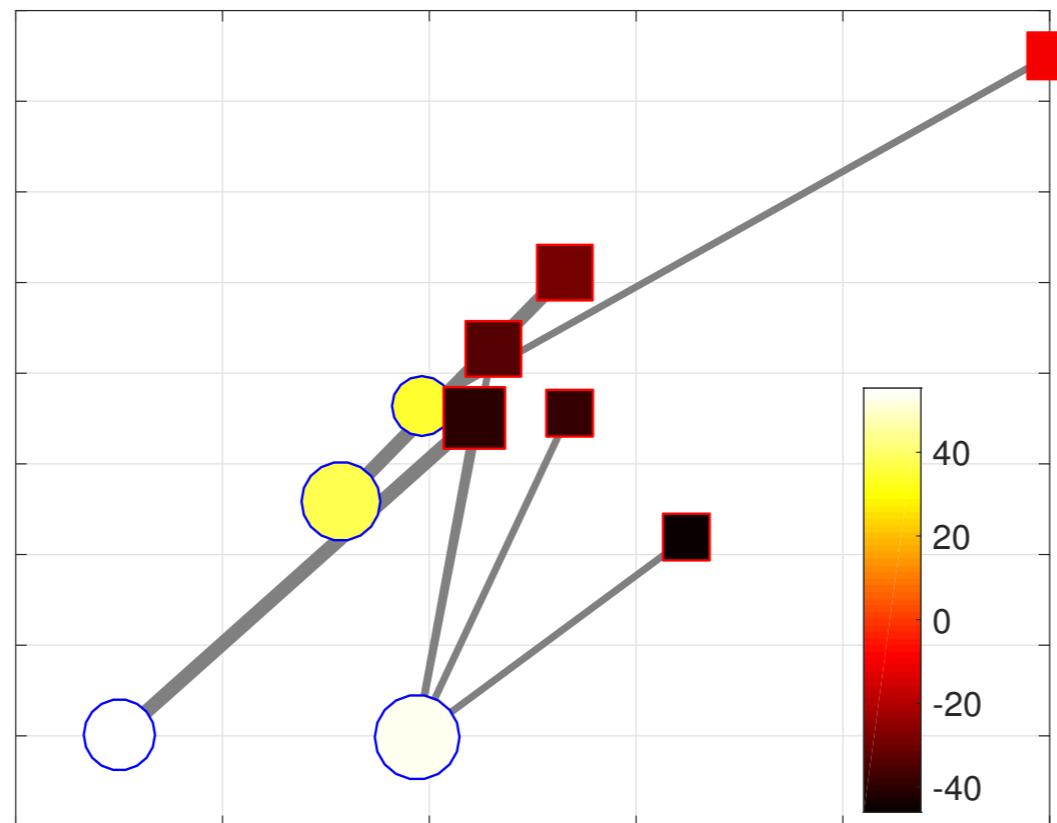


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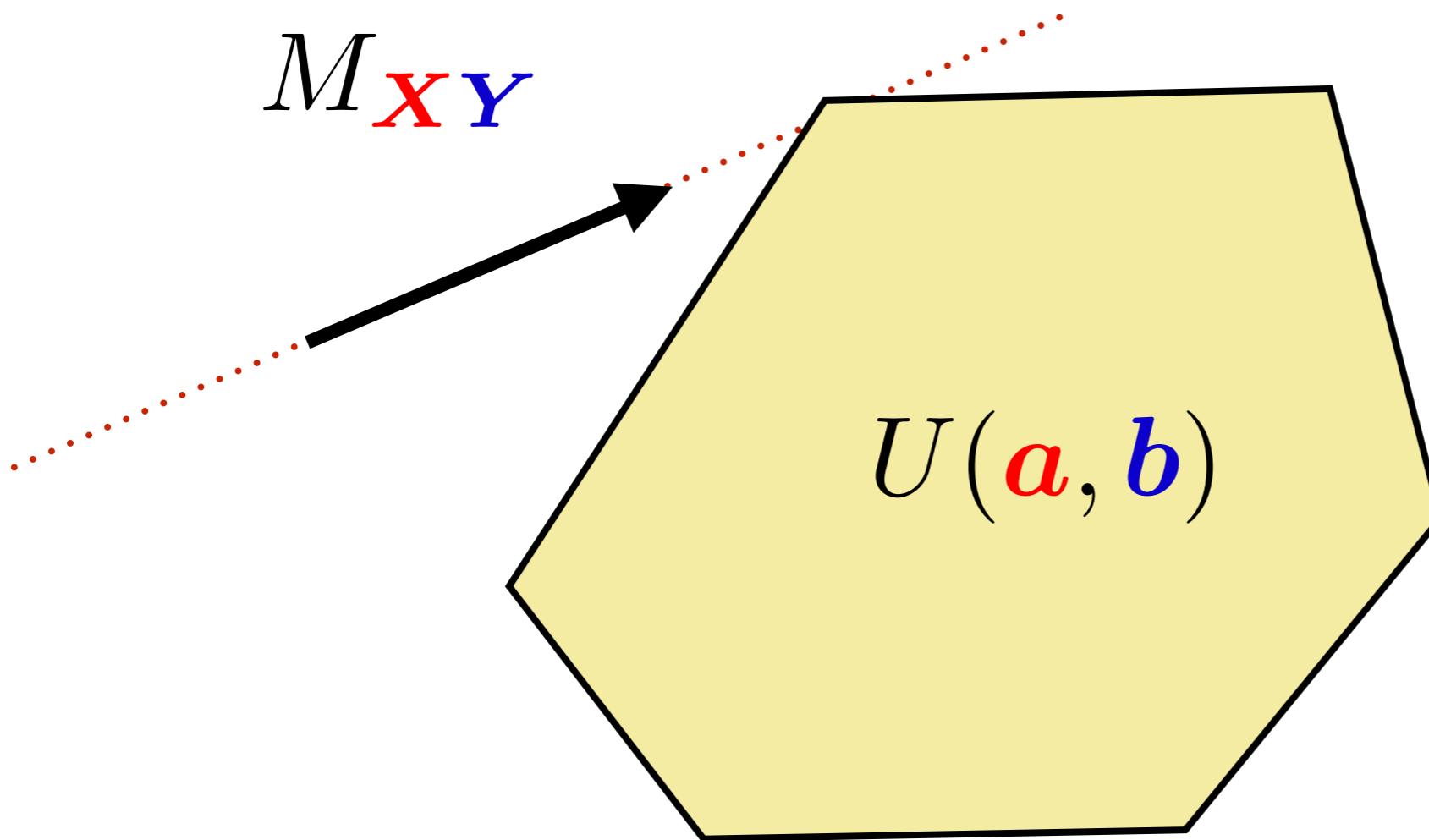
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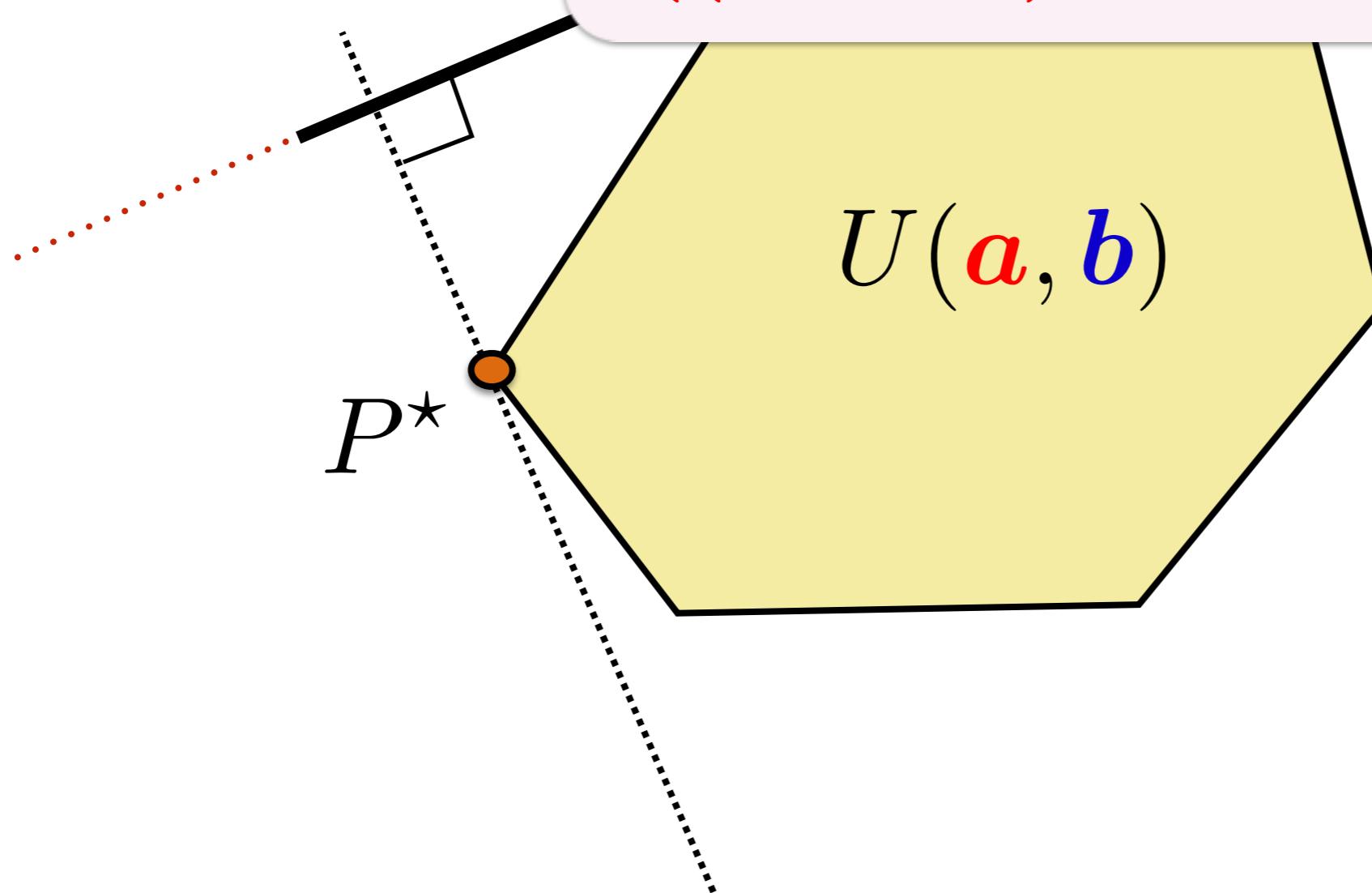
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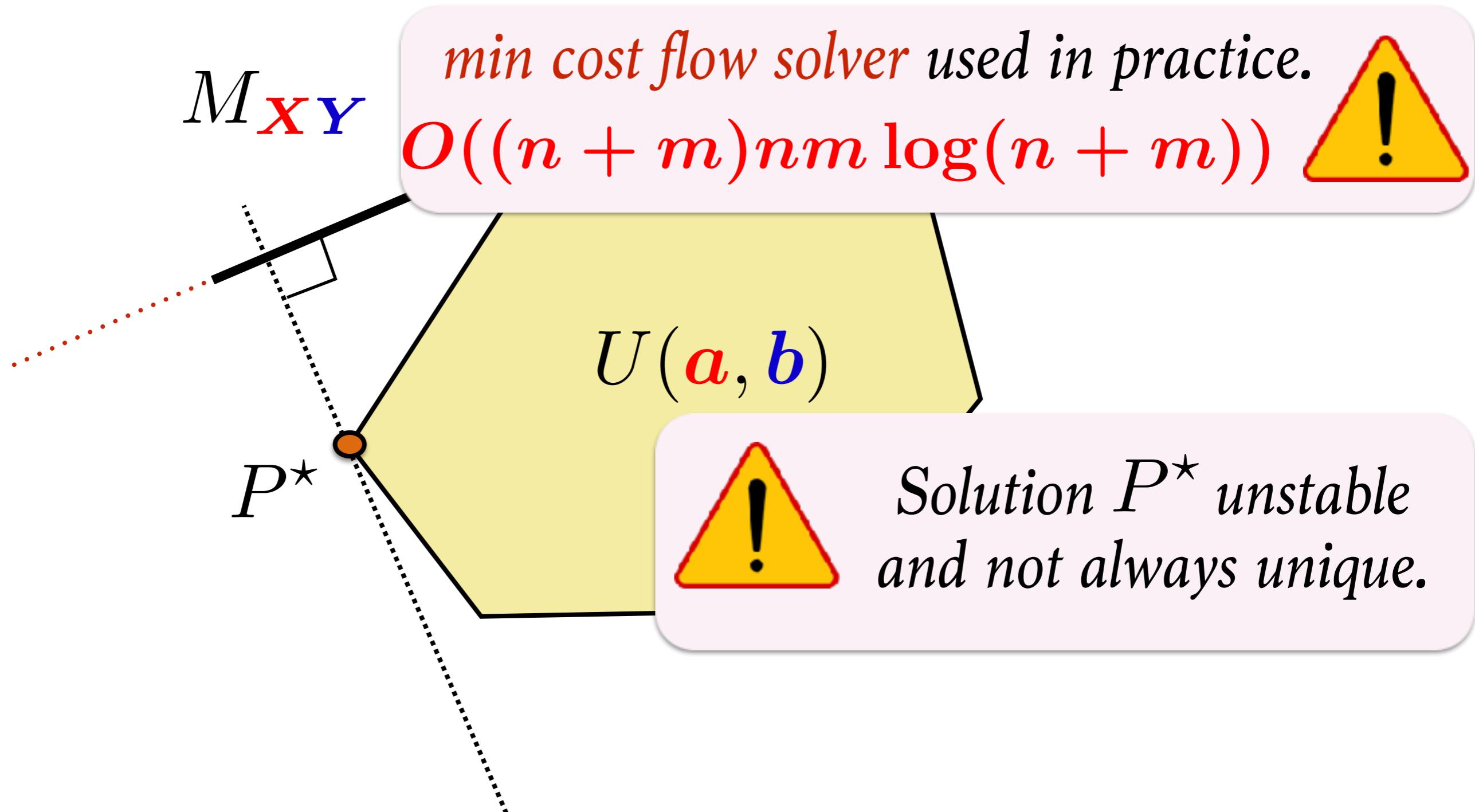
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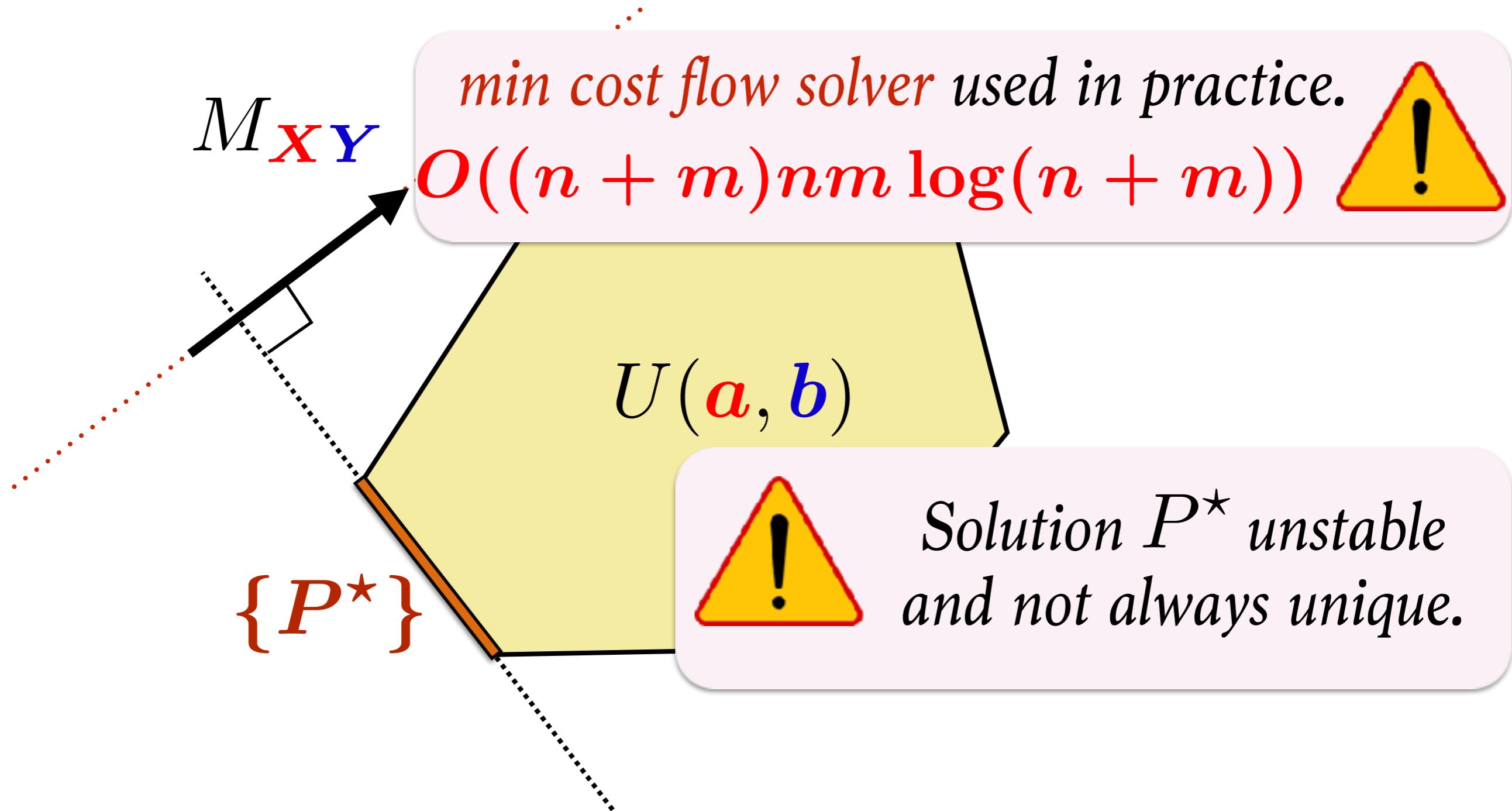
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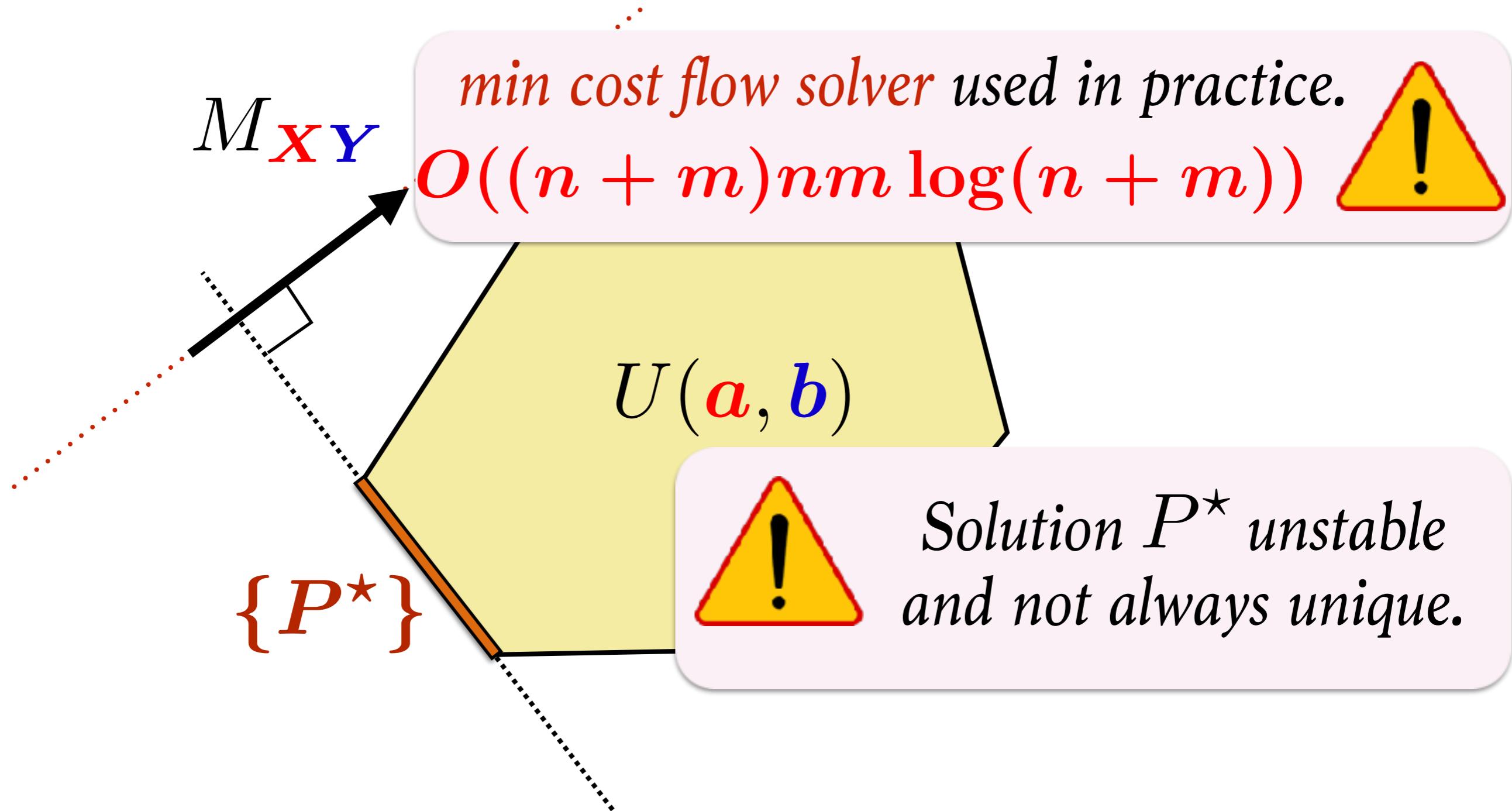
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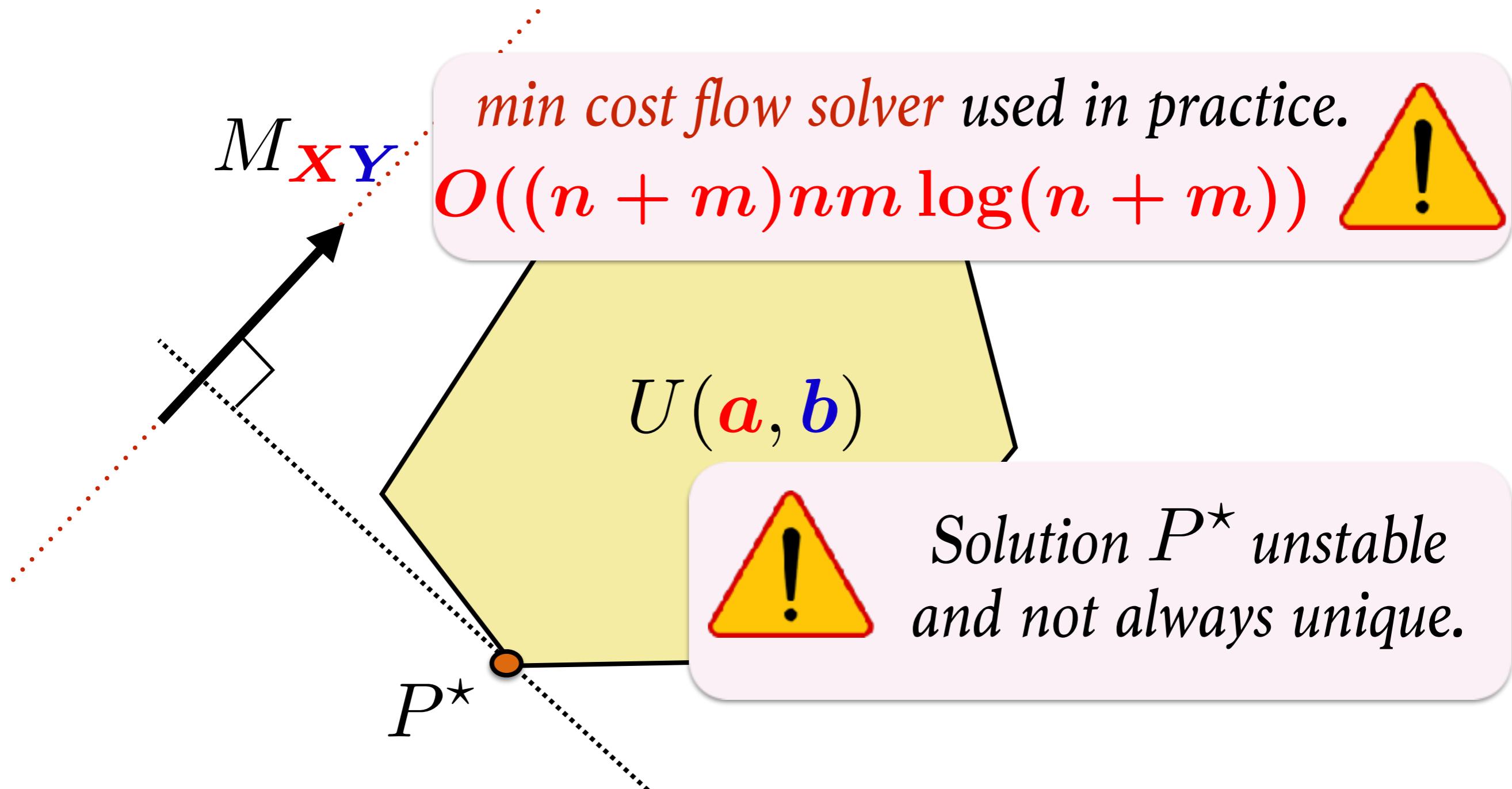
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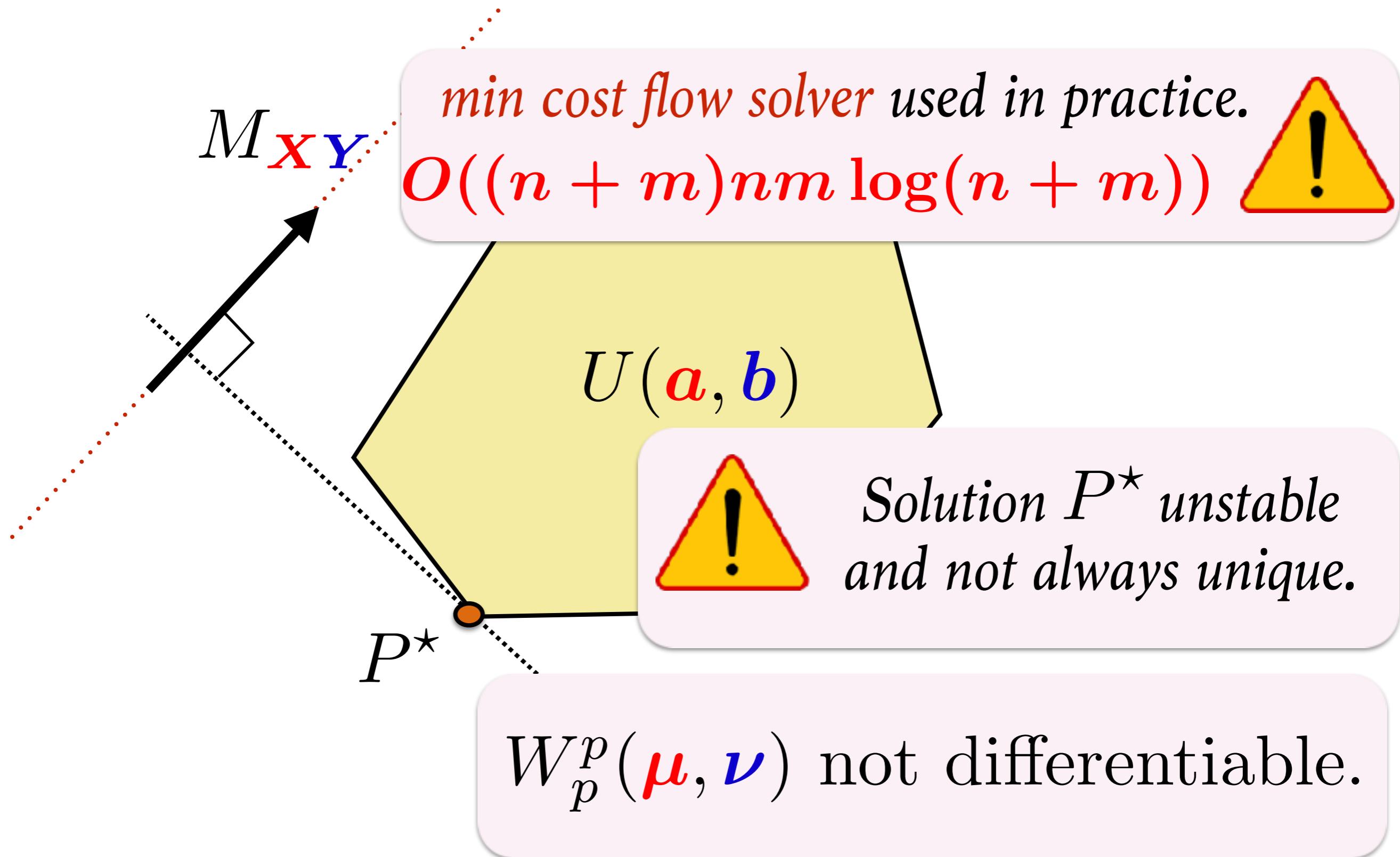


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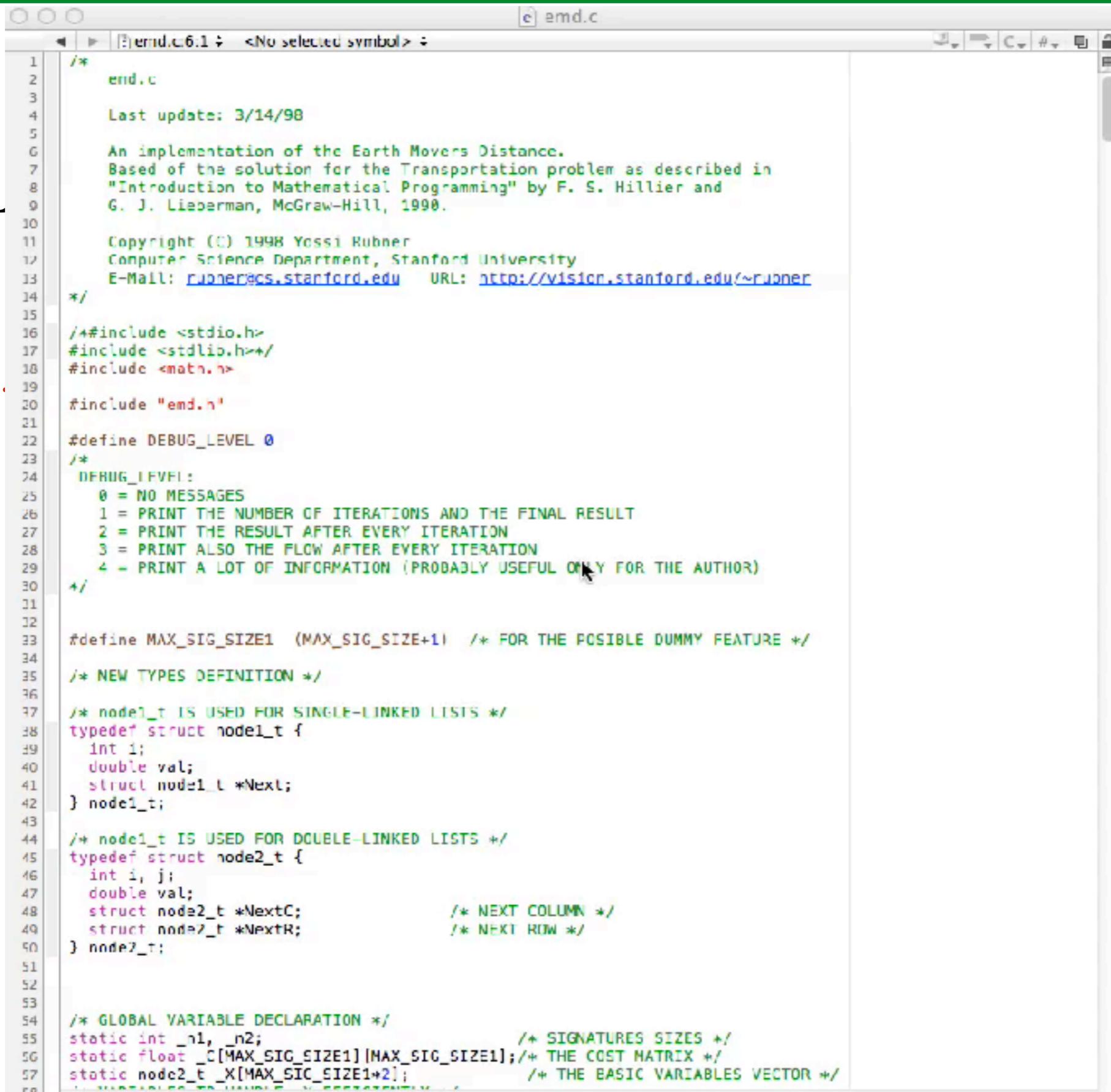


Solution P^ unstable
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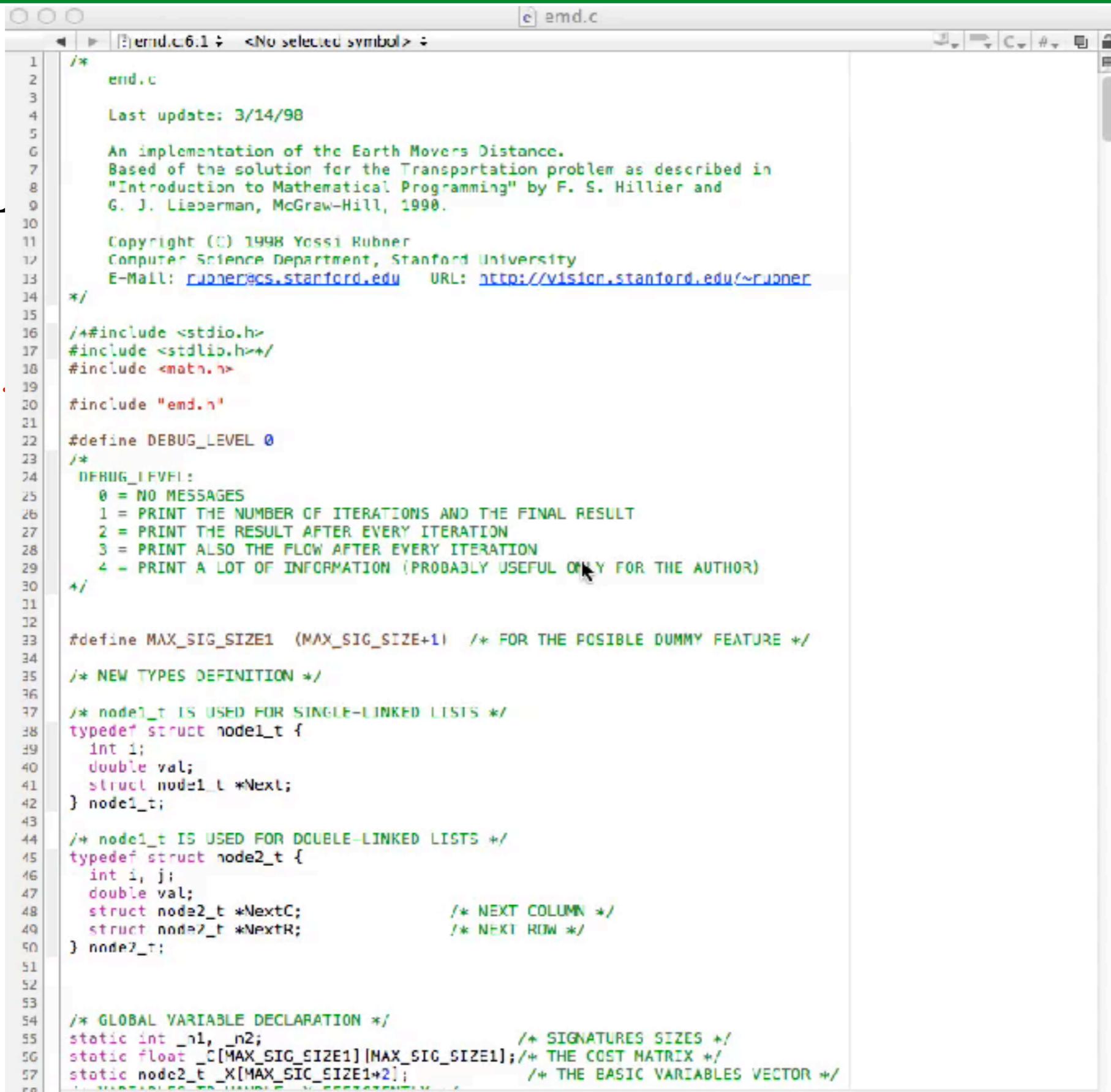
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Computational properties

Compute/approximate $W_p(\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_n, \hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_m)$?

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- [Dudley'69][Dereich+'11][Fournier+'13] & others..
- [Weed/Bach'17]: sharper results when measures' support has “low effective d ” in metric spaces
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- Parameterize functions using ReLU Deep net with bounded weights [Arjovsky+'17] or use Wavelet decompositions [Shirdonkhar+'08] for low d .

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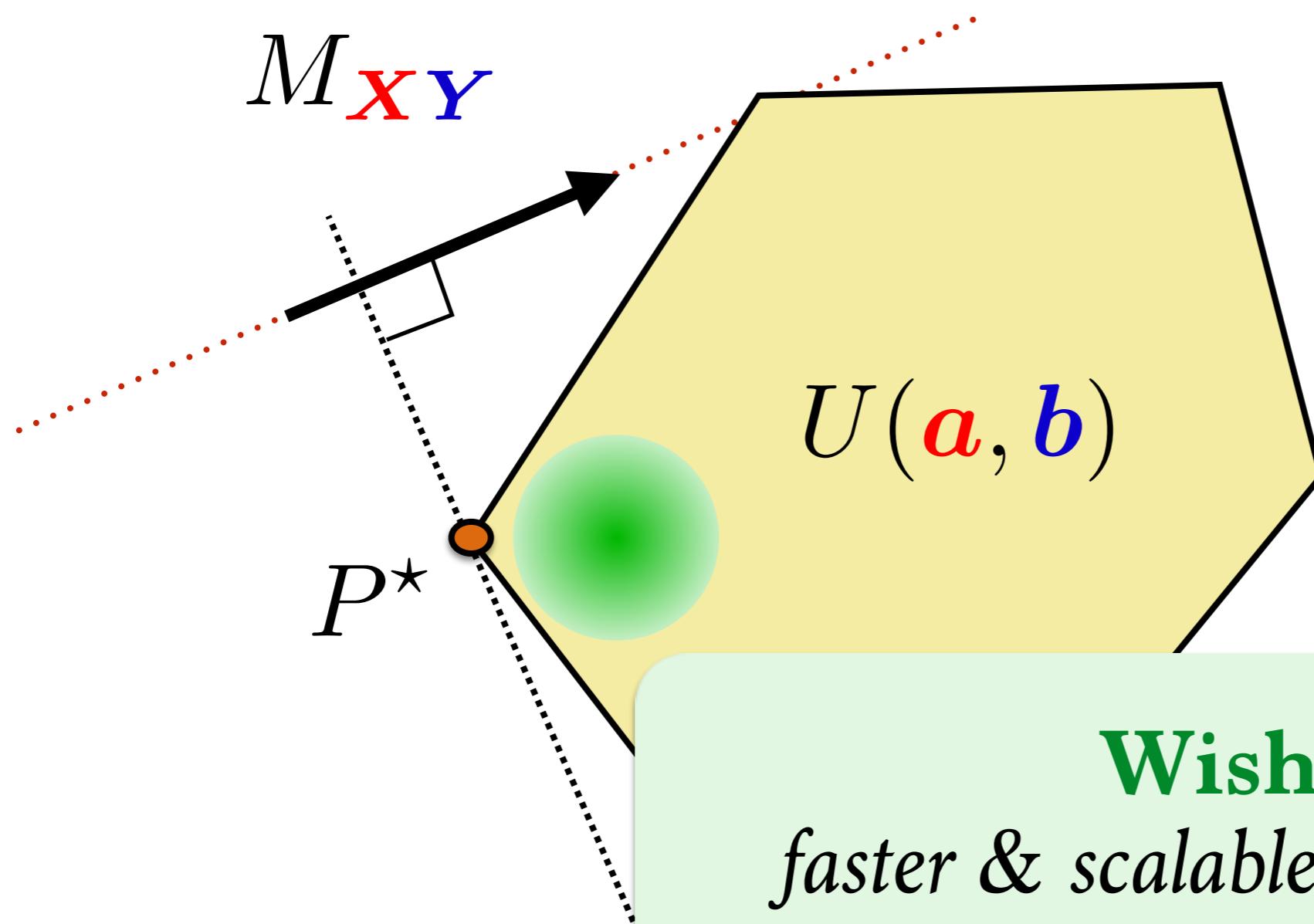
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Regularization on the Primal



Wishlist:

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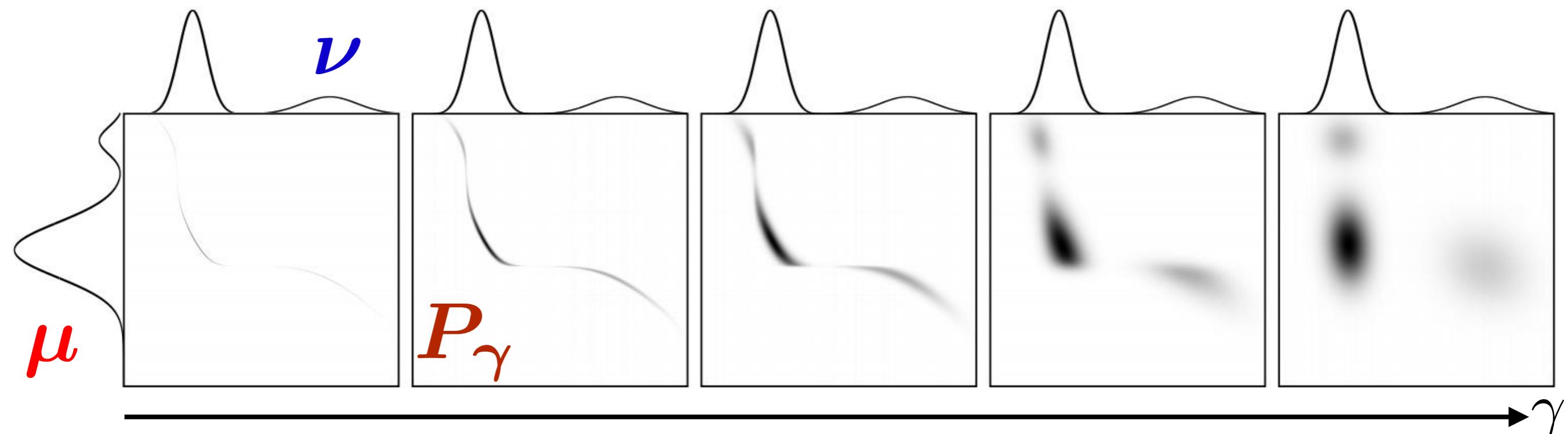
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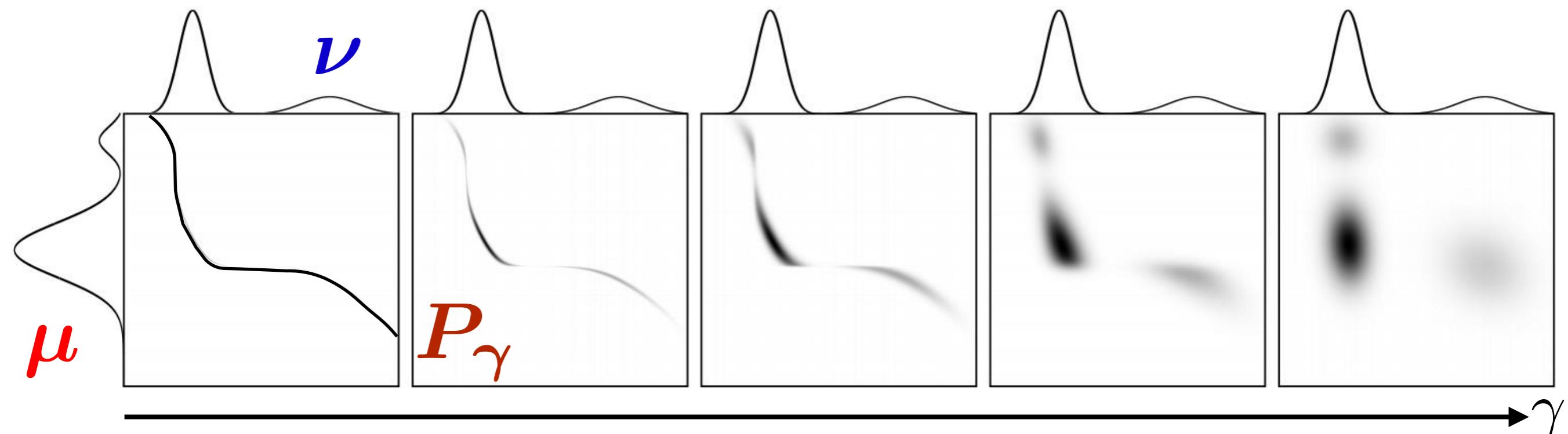


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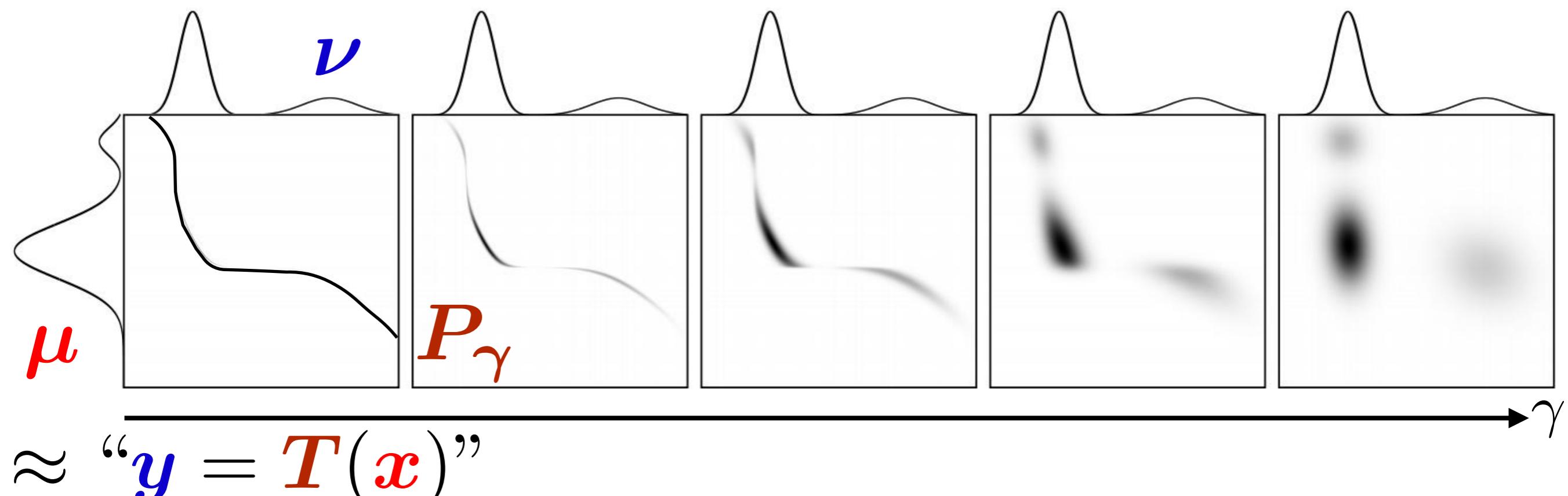


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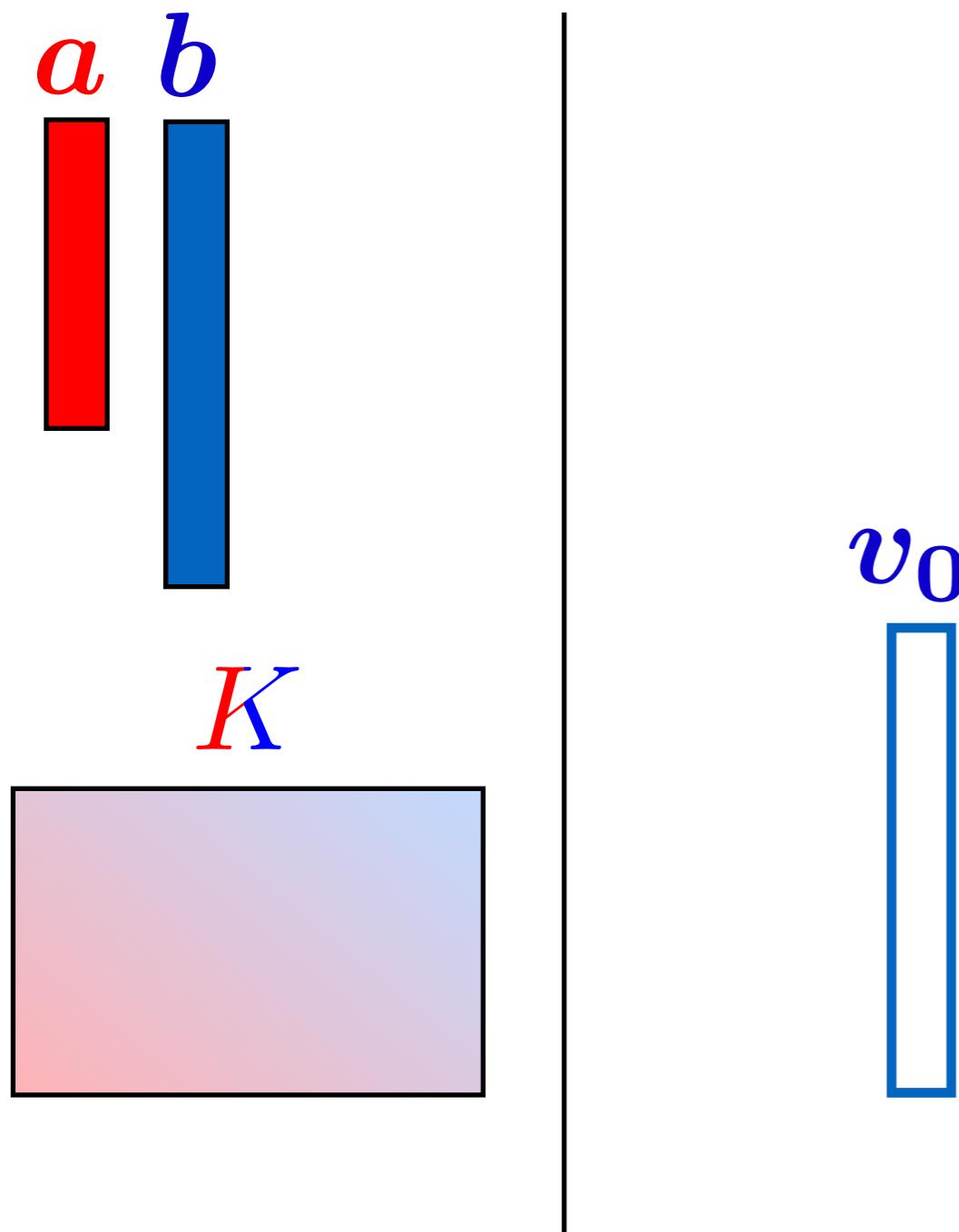
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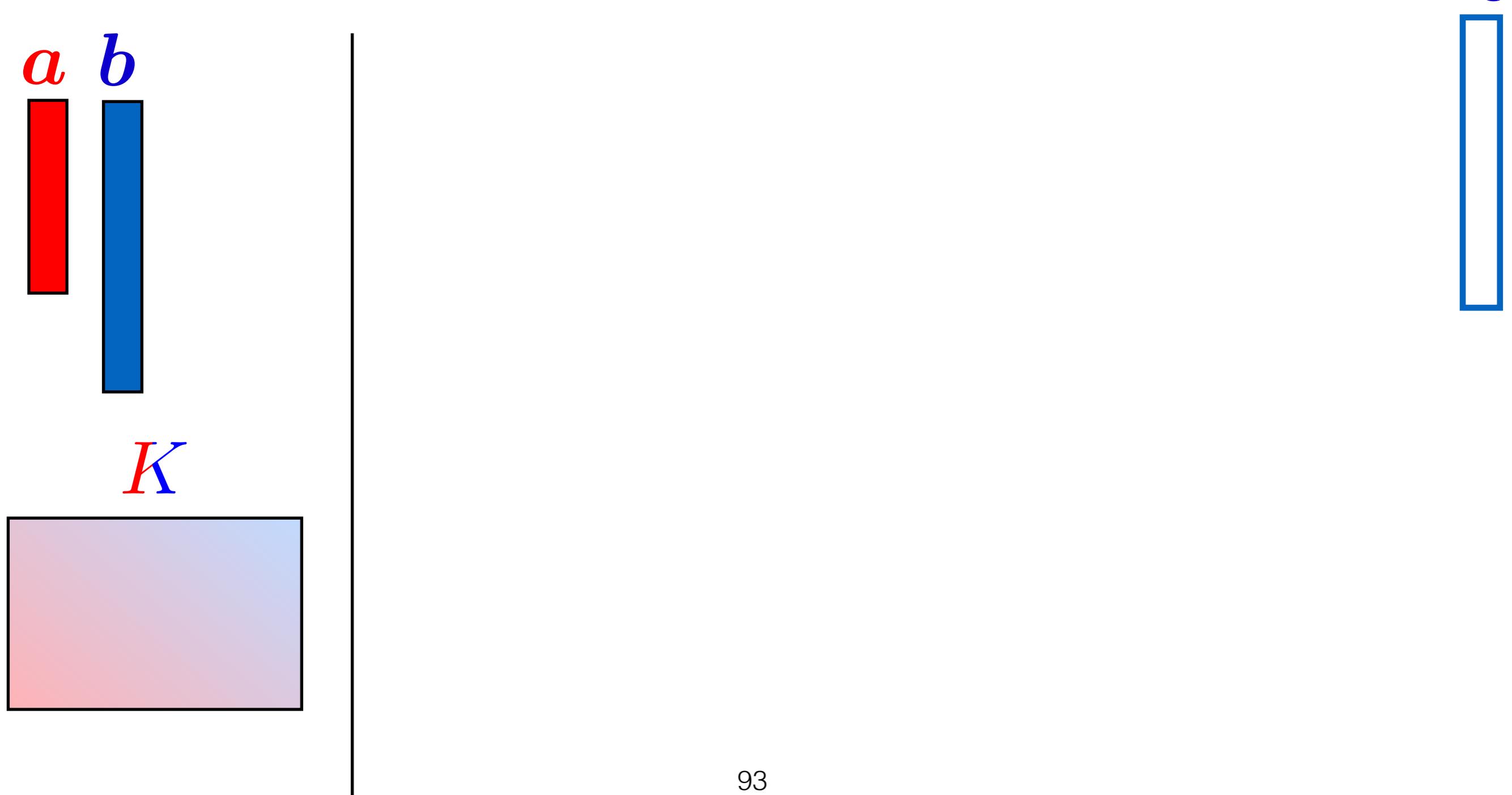
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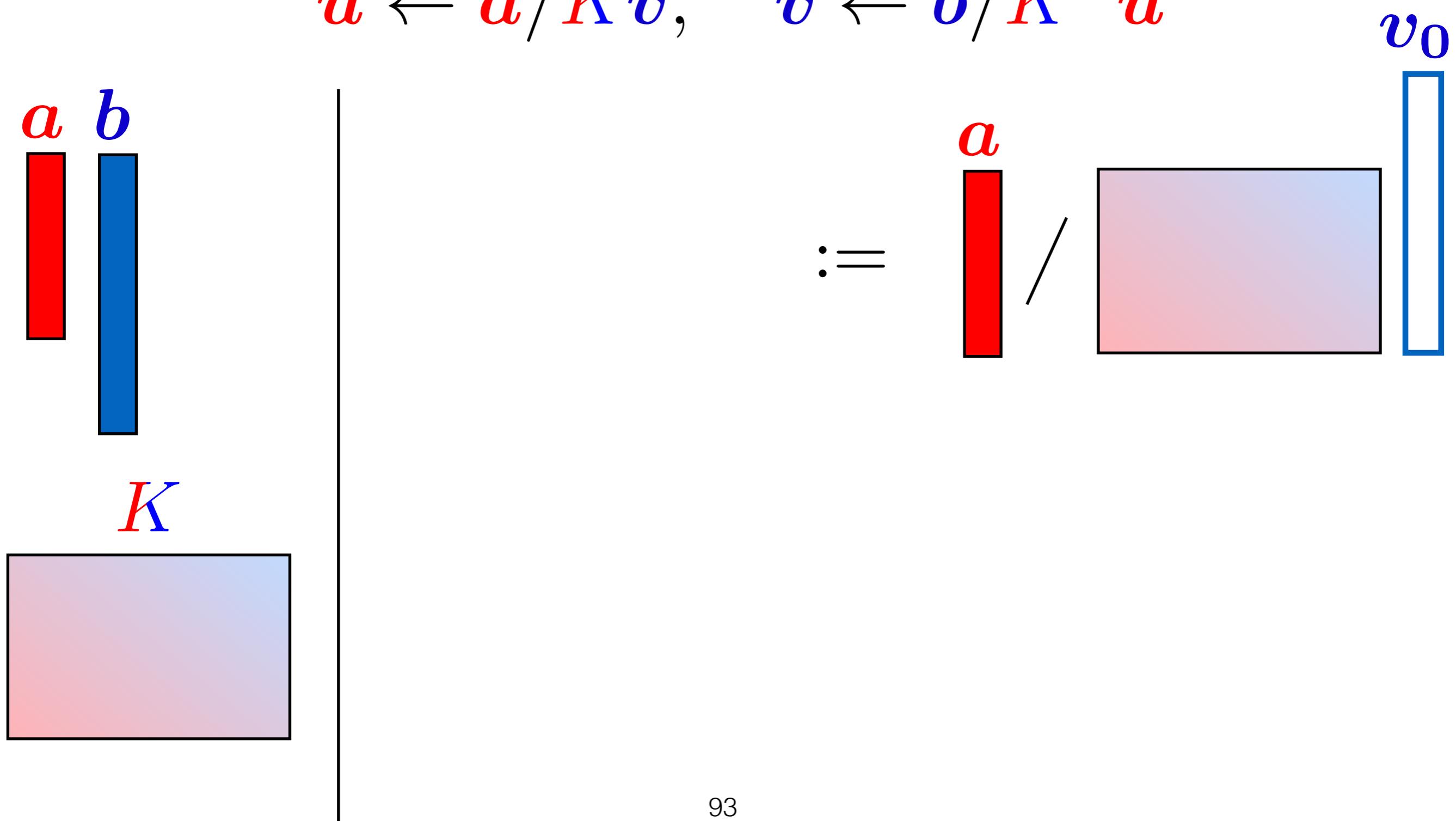
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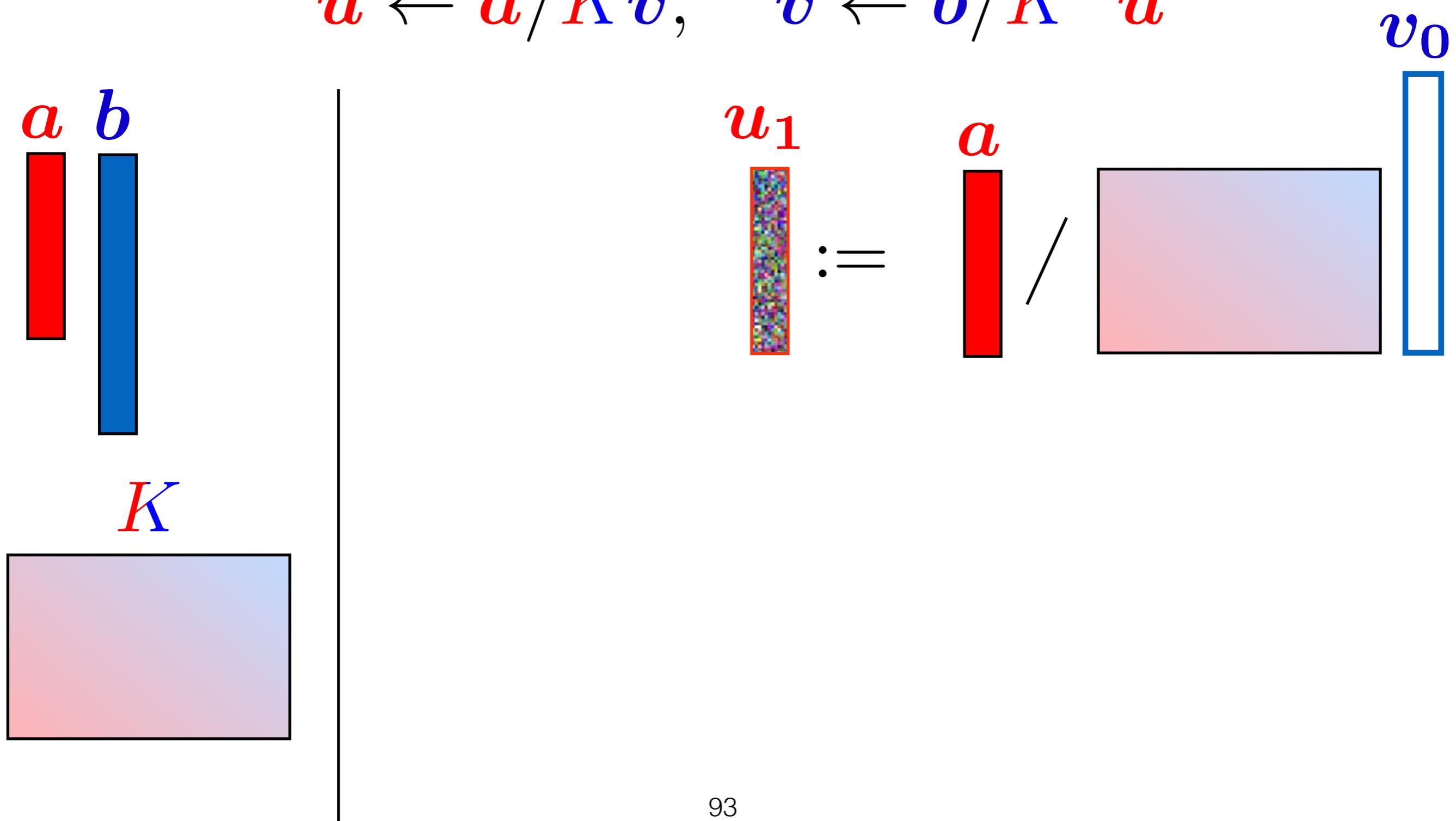
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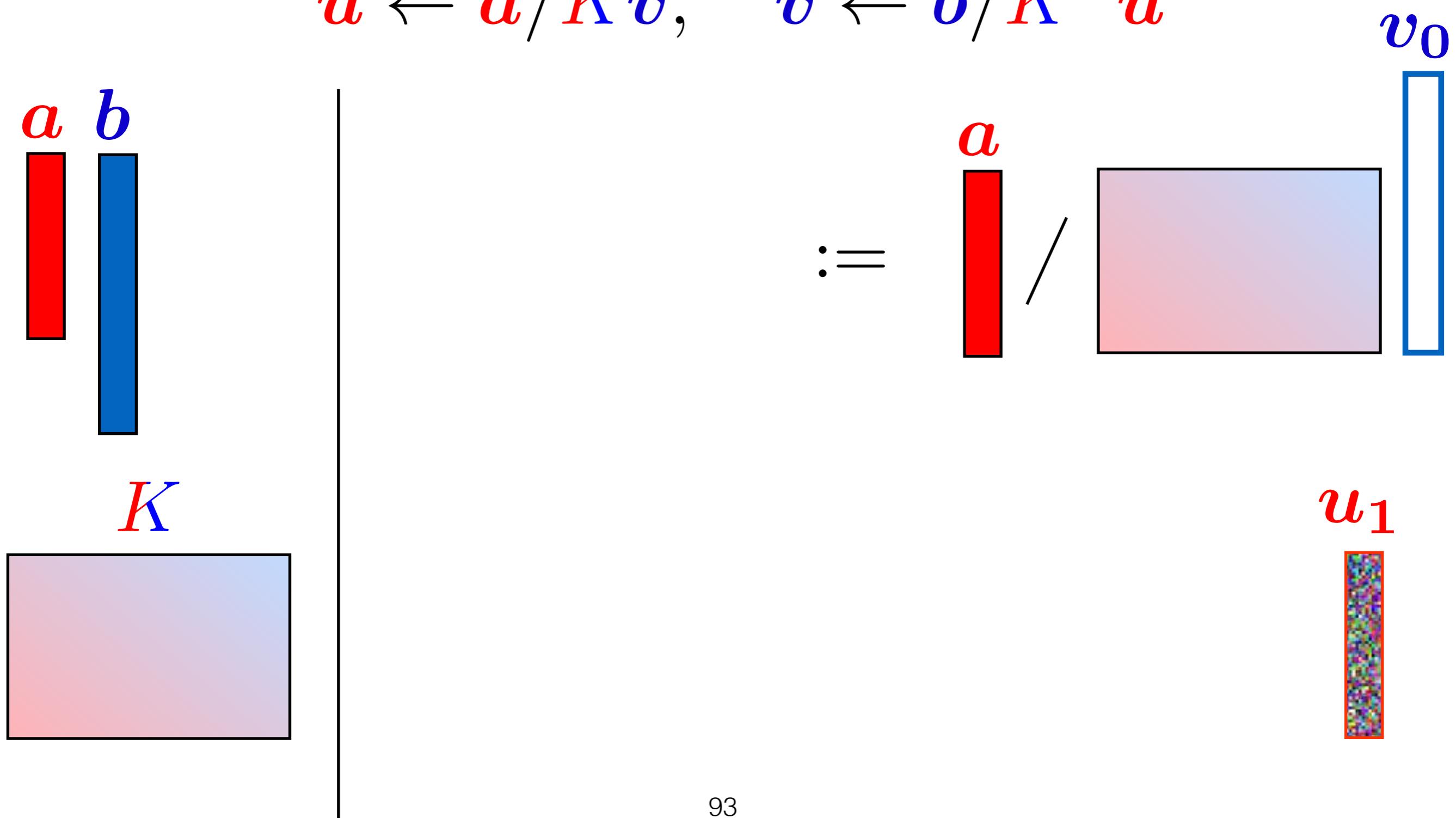
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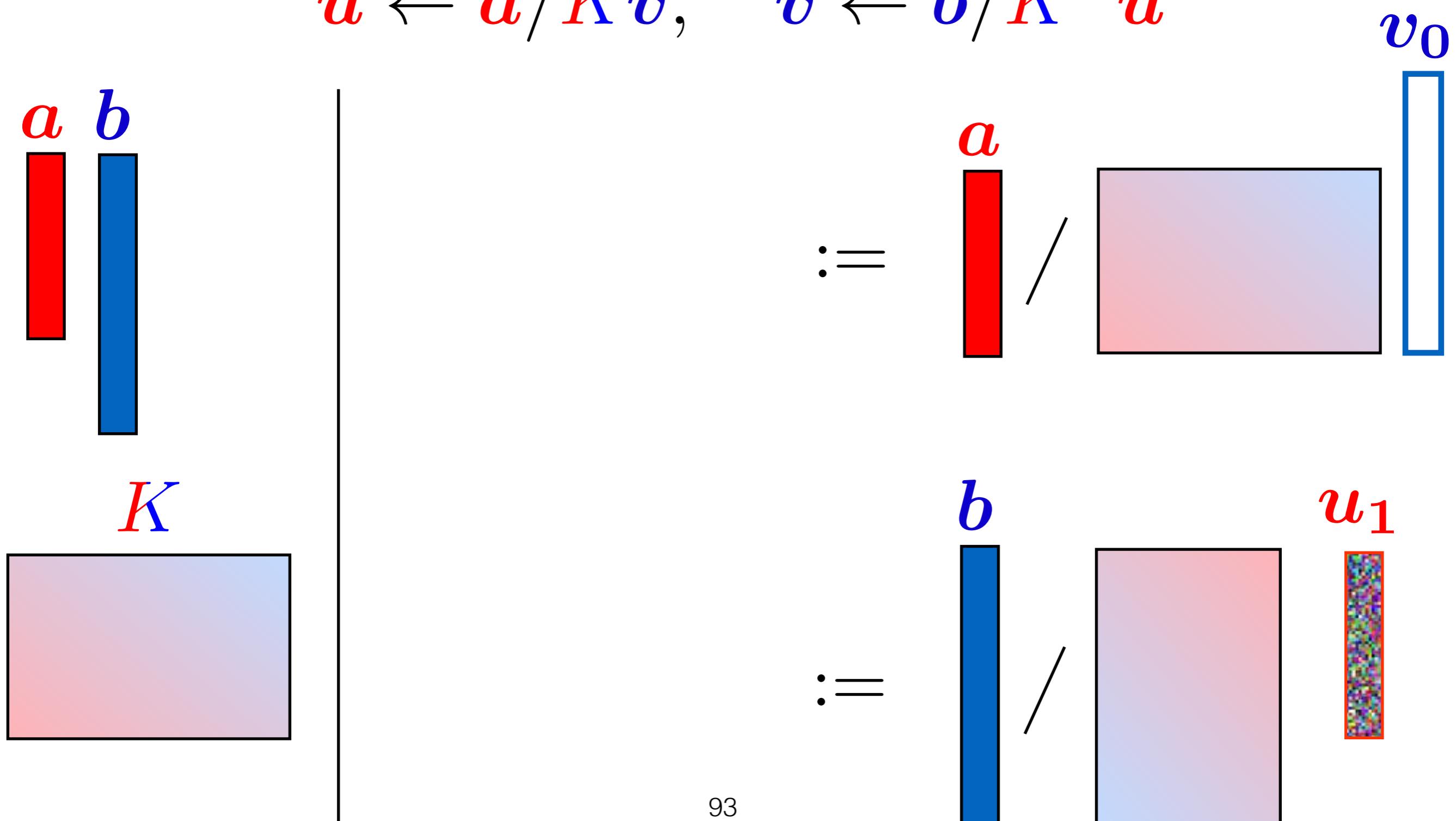
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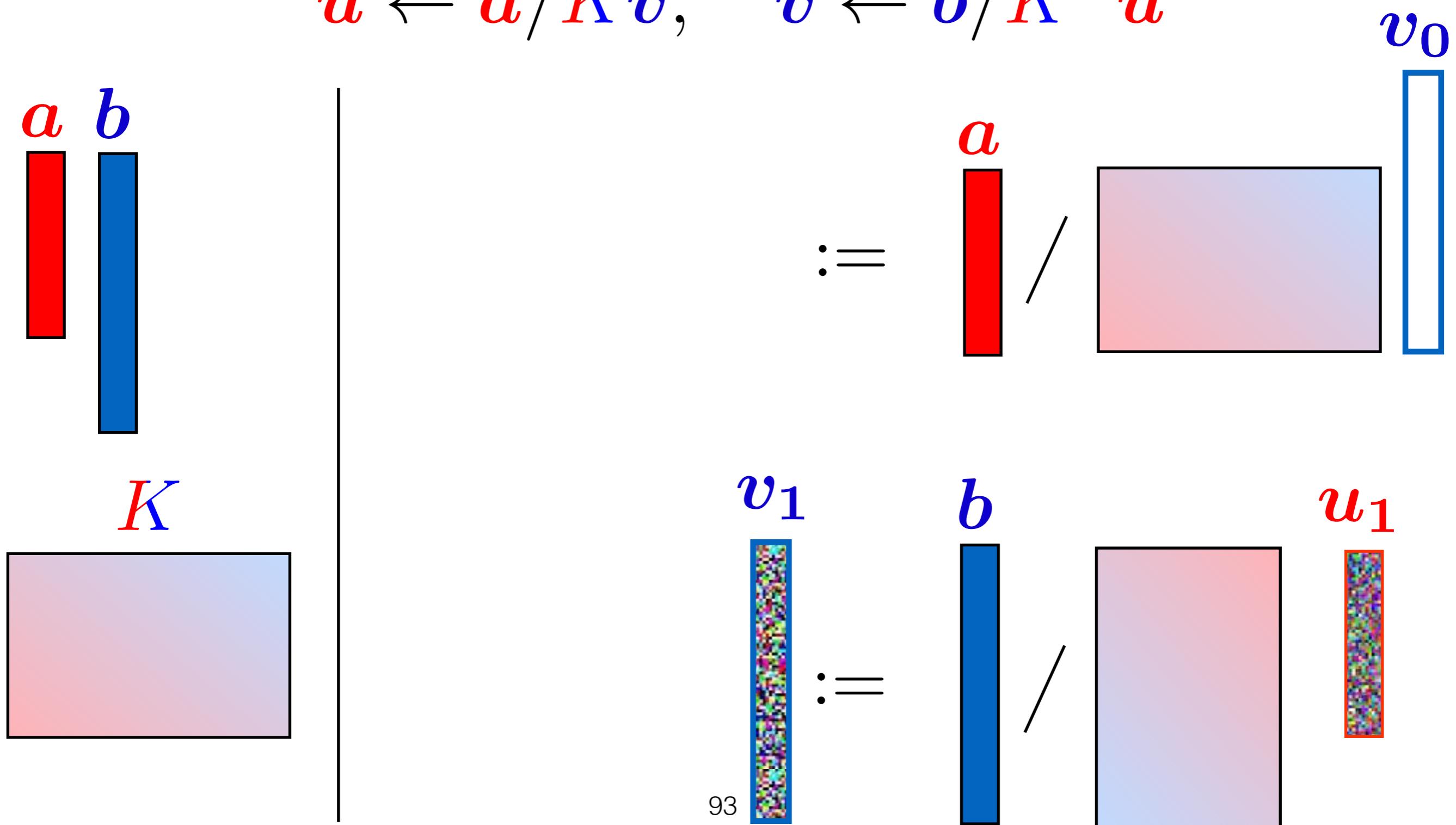
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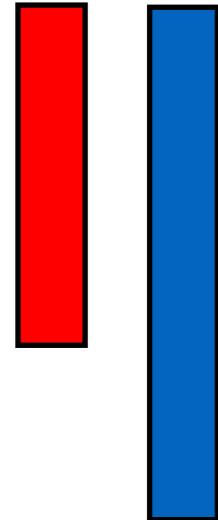


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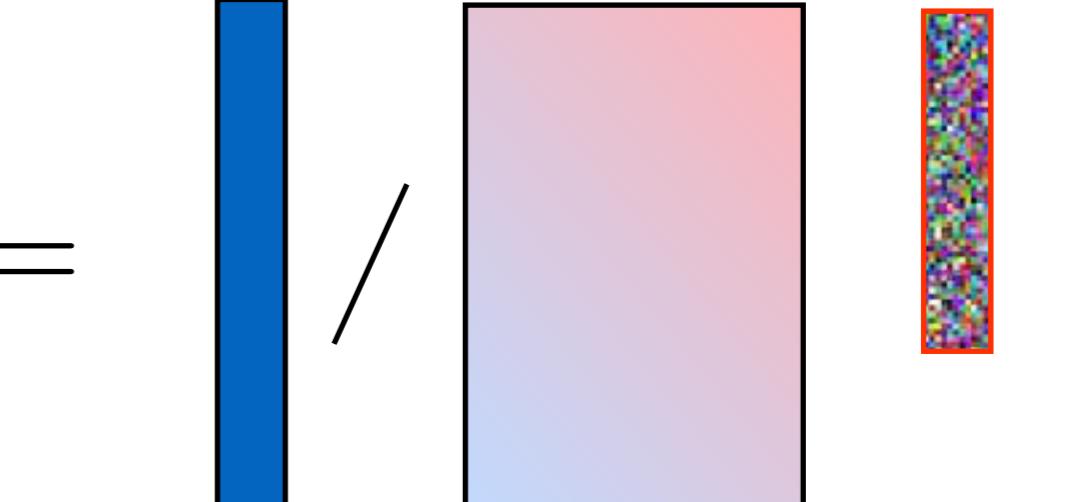
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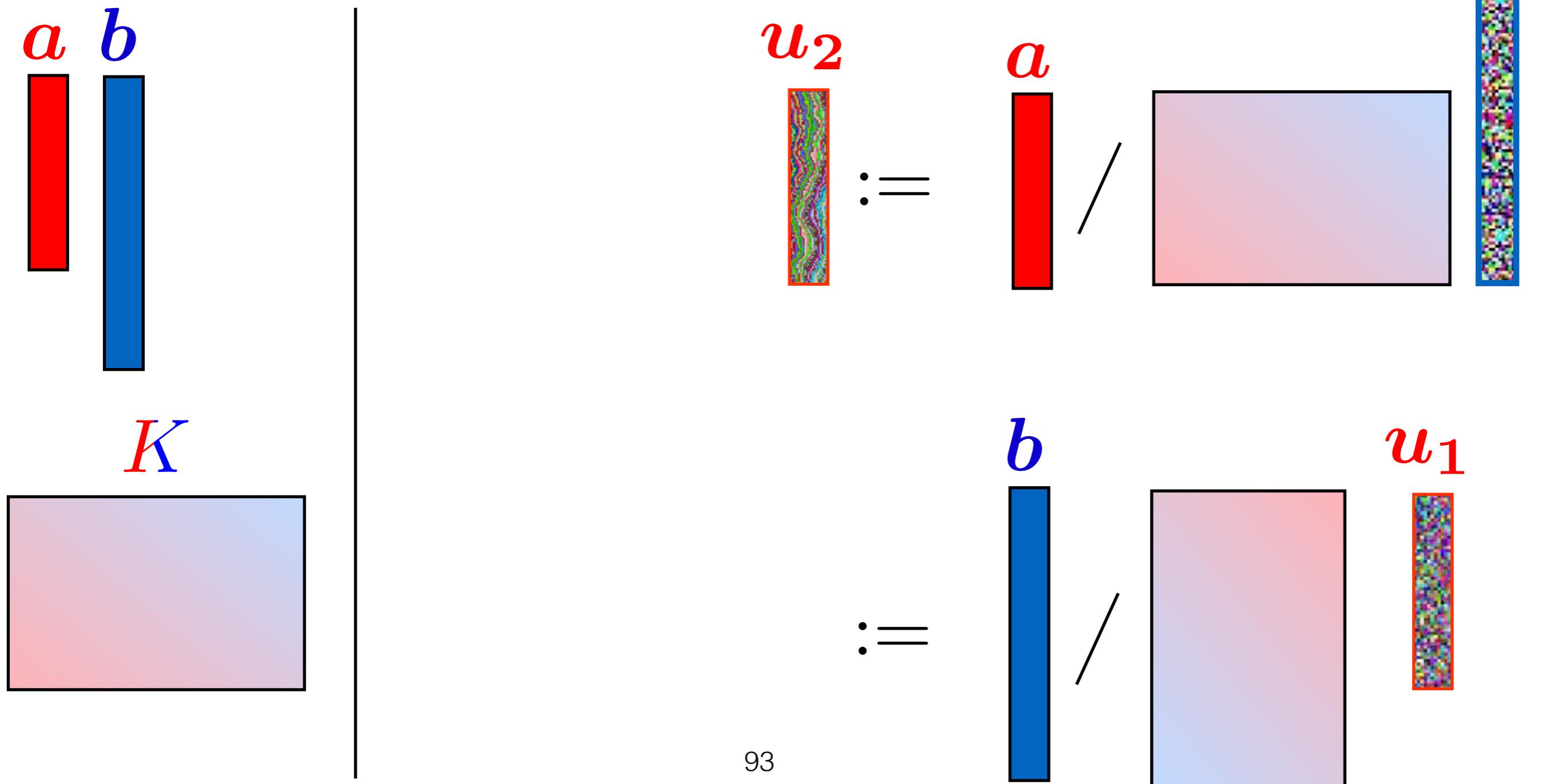

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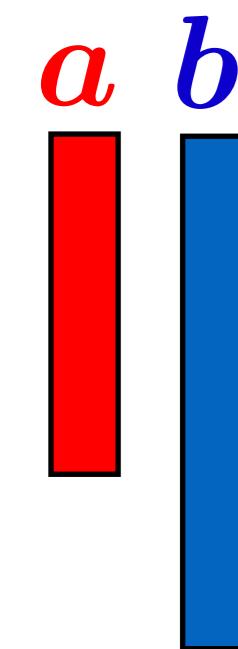


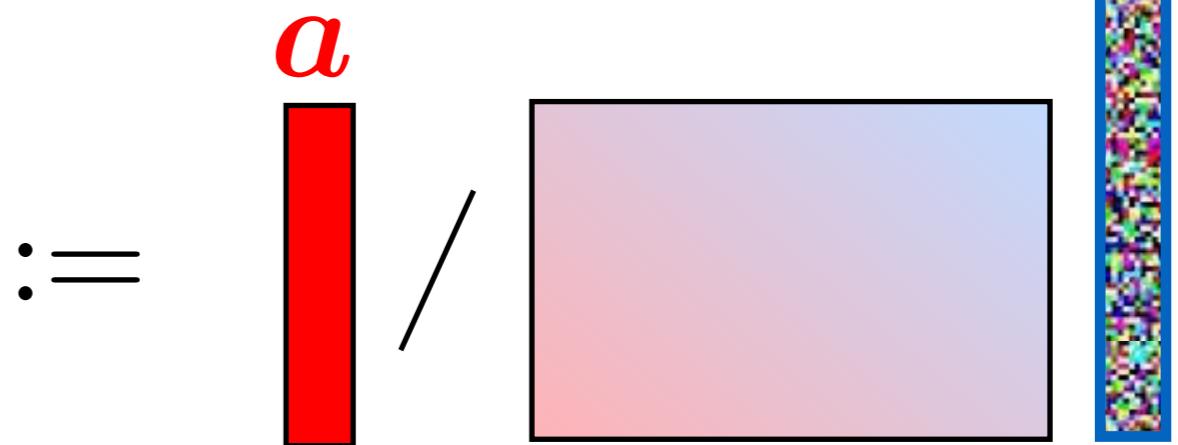
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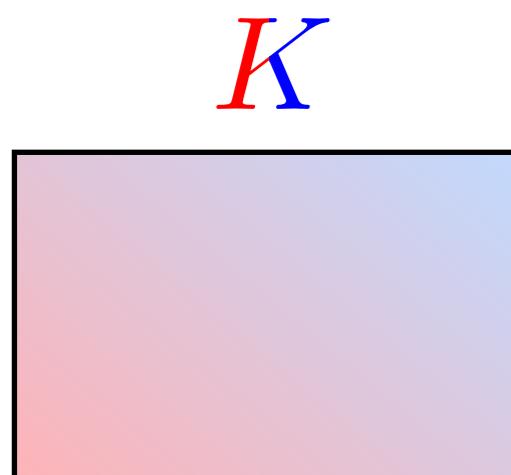
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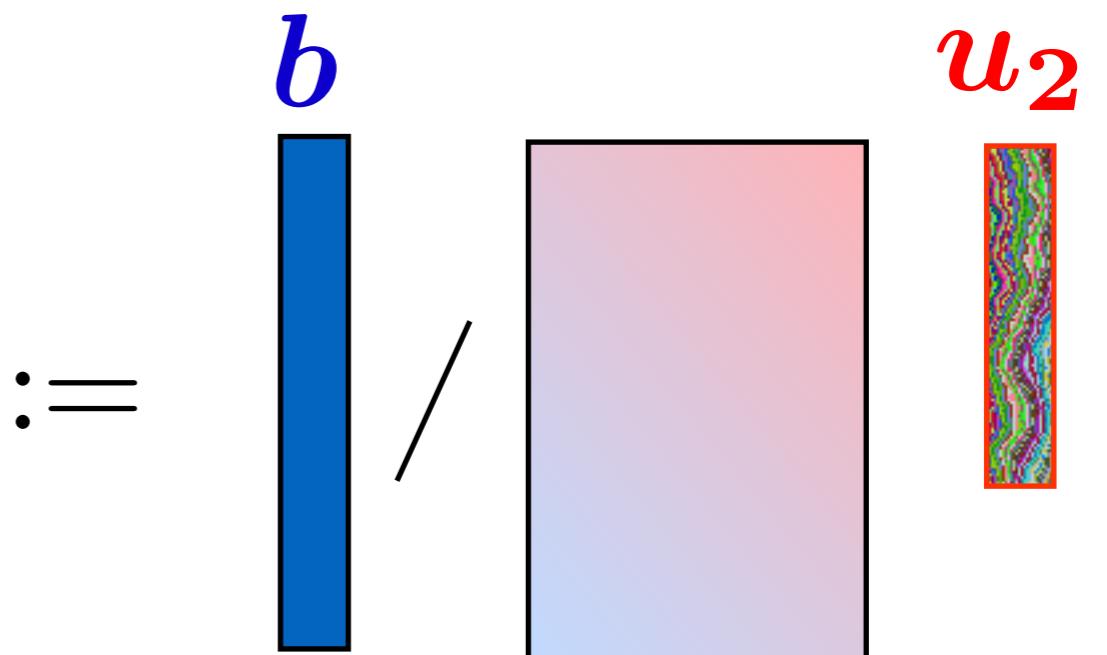
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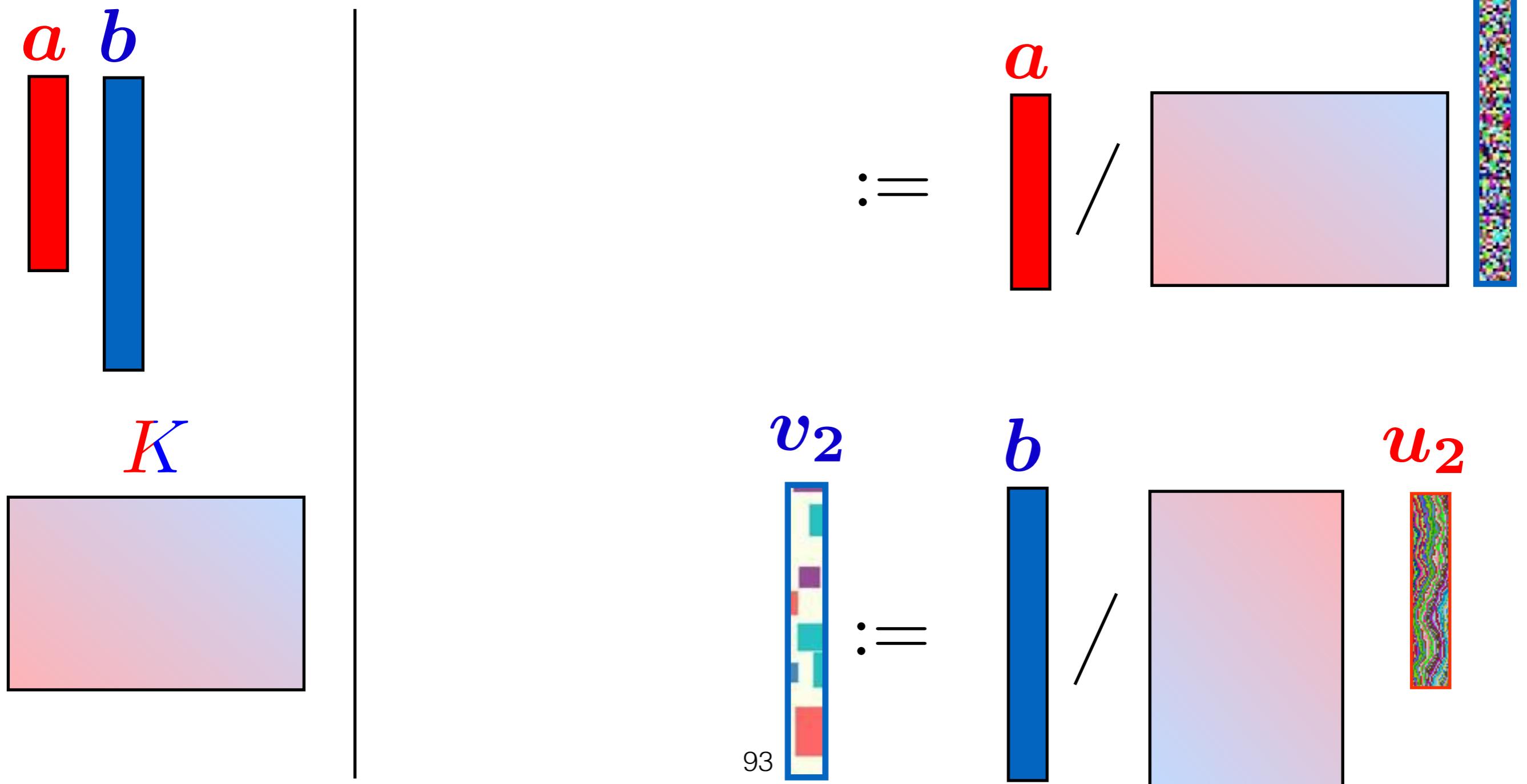
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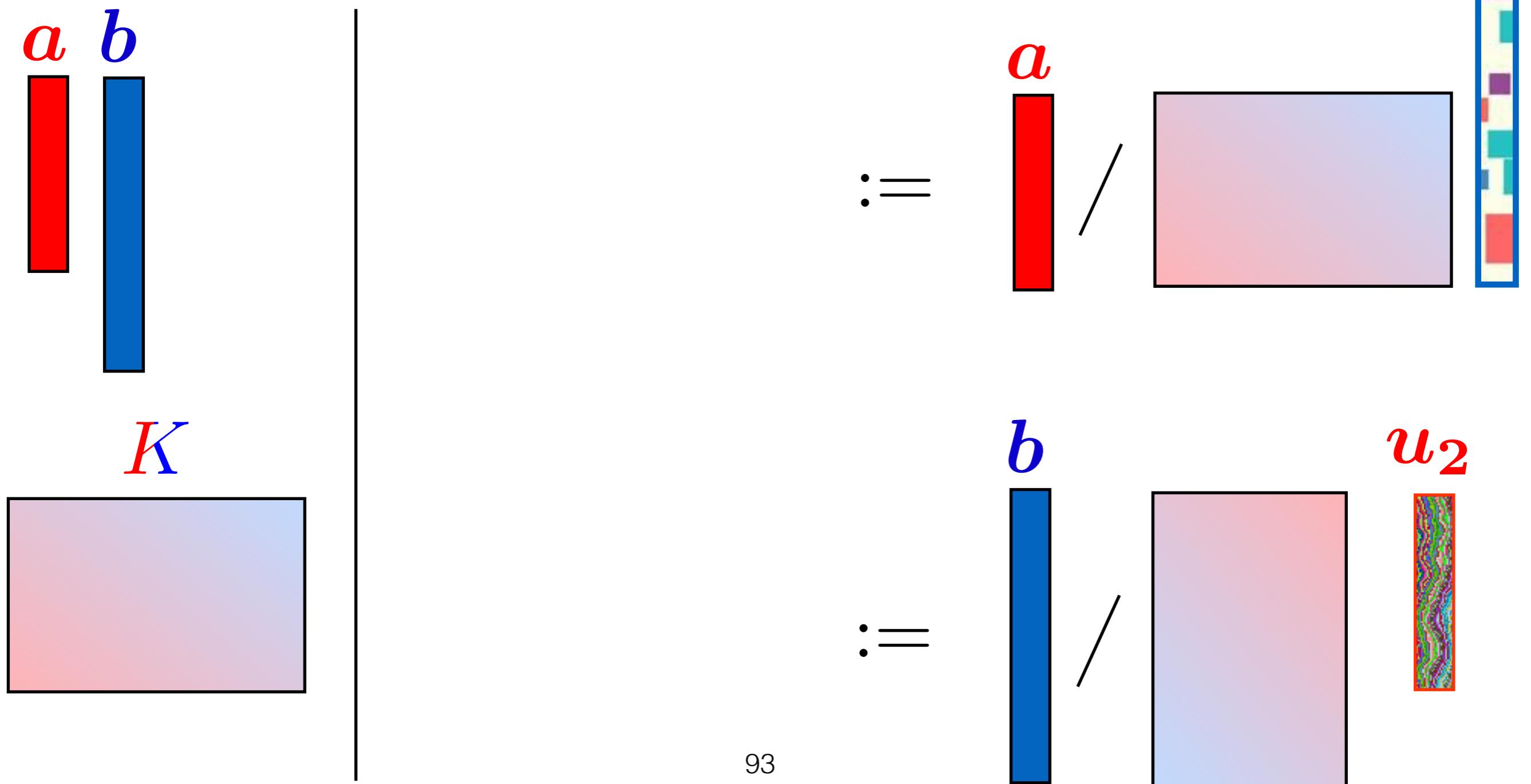
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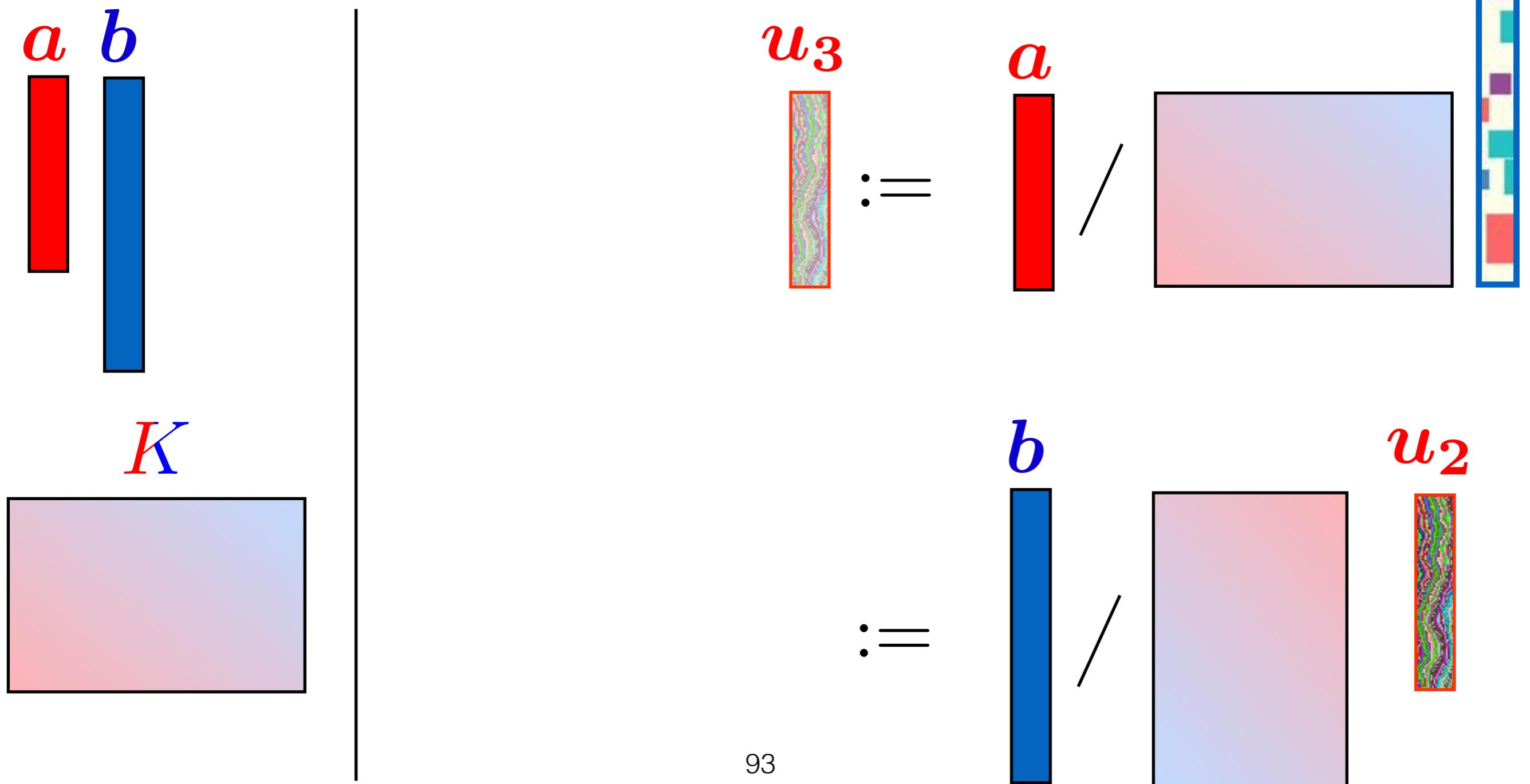
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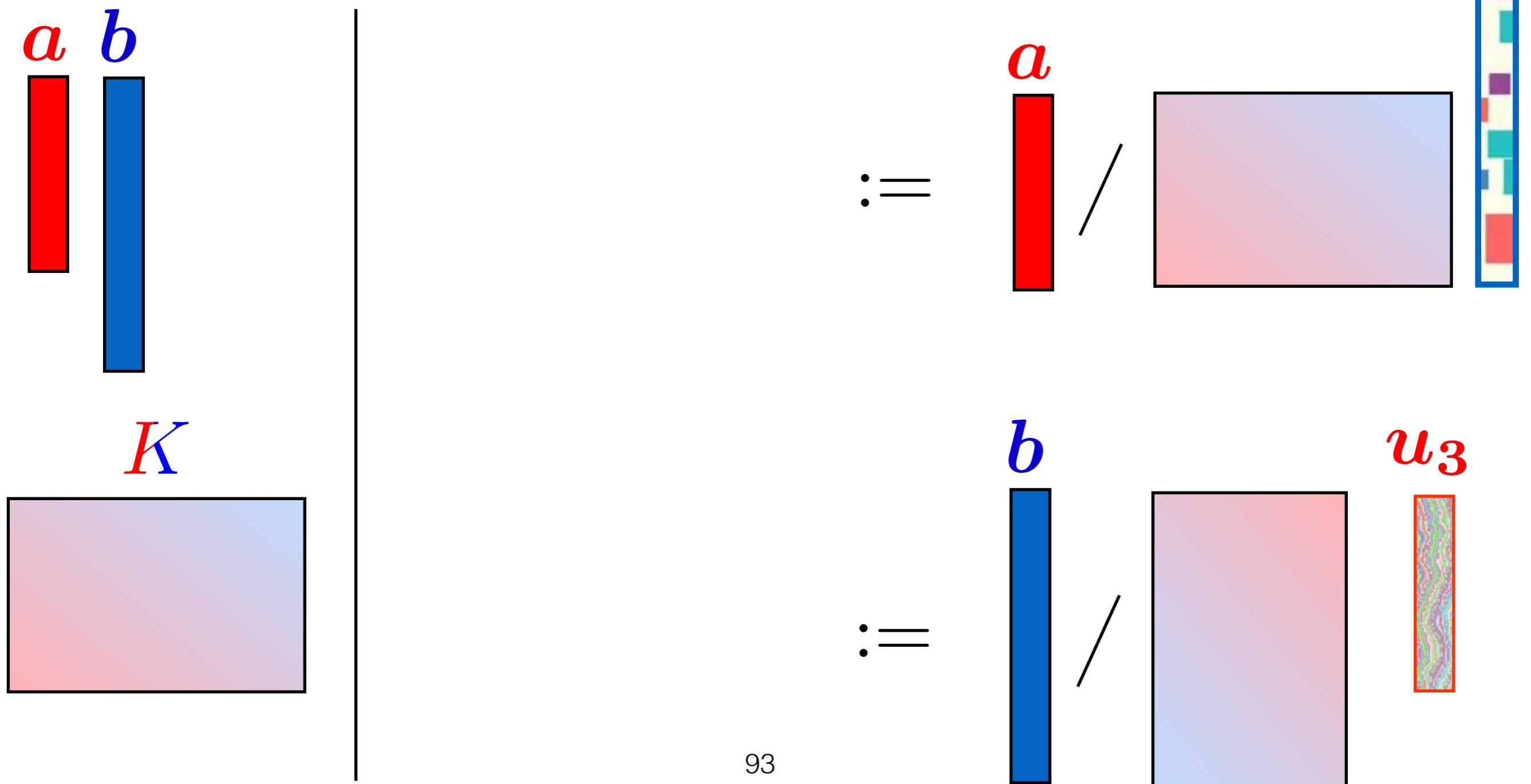
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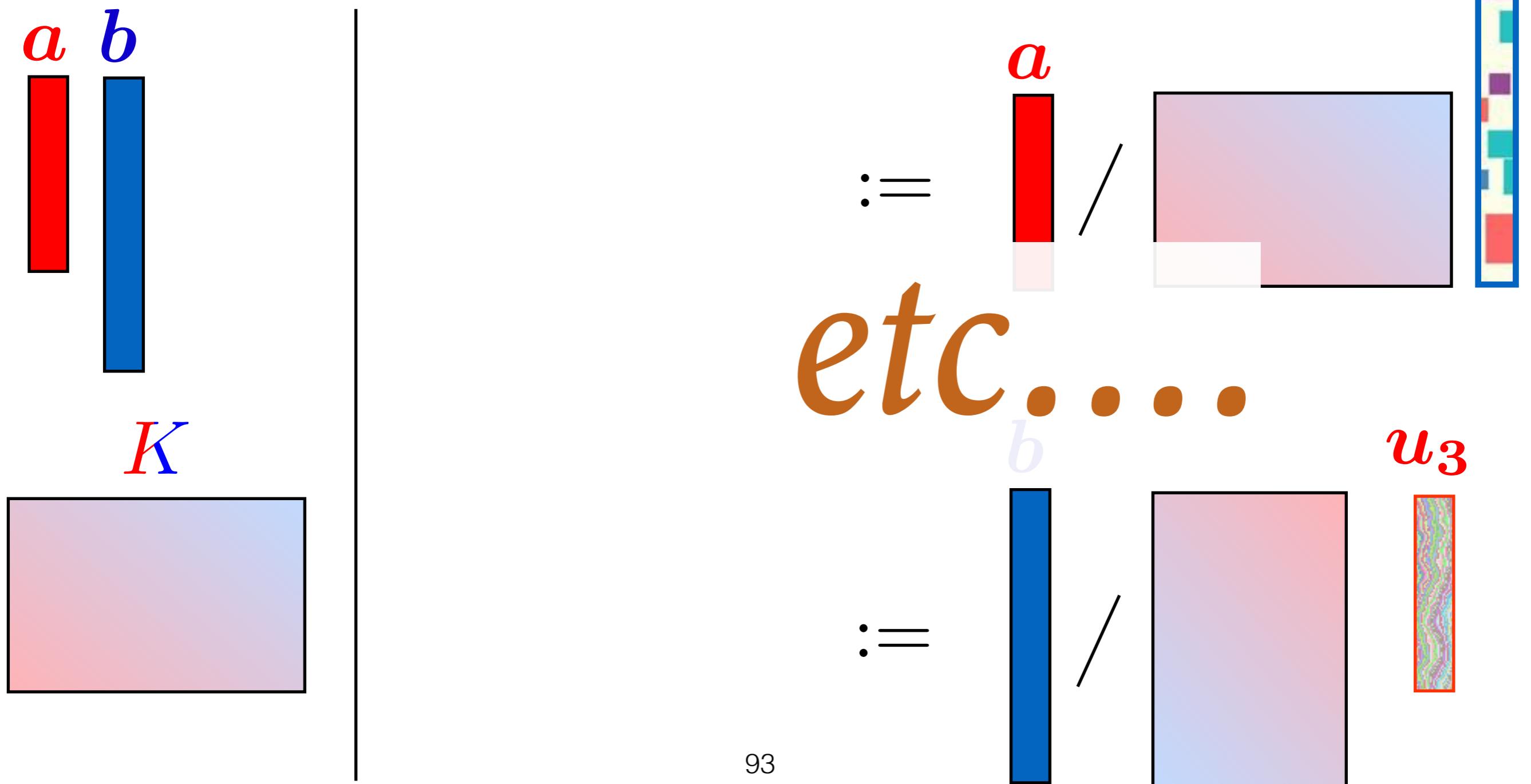
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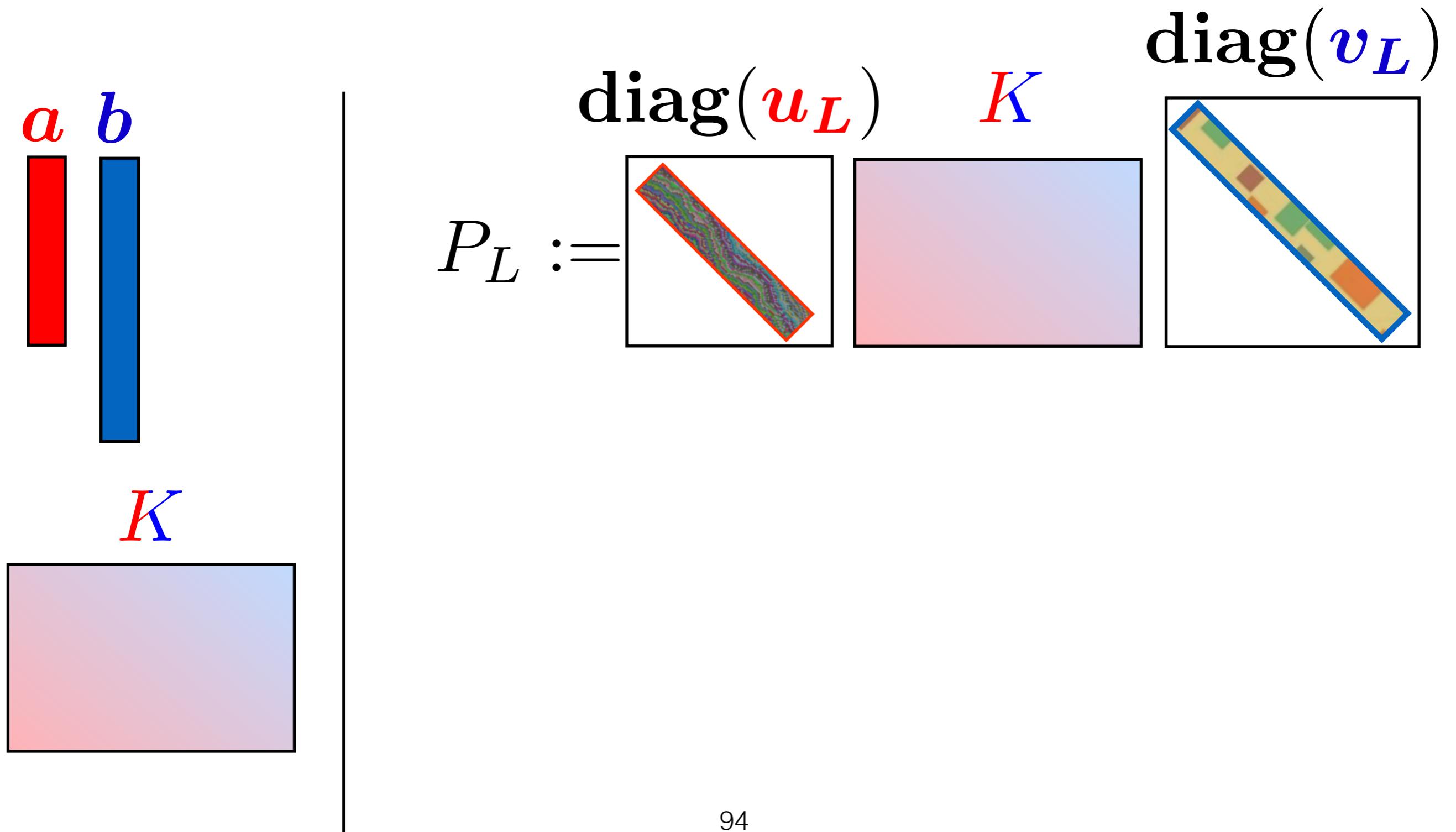
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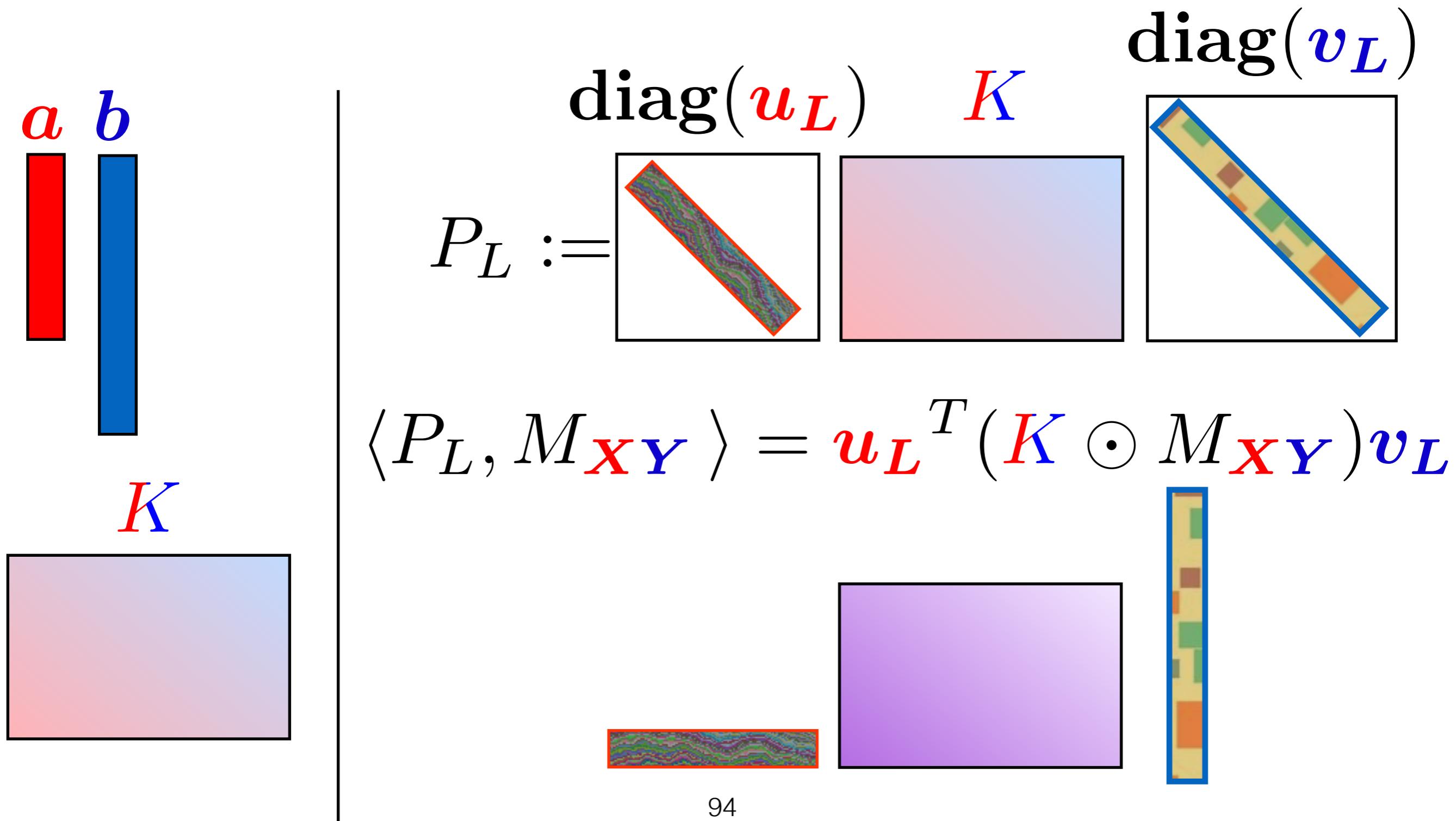
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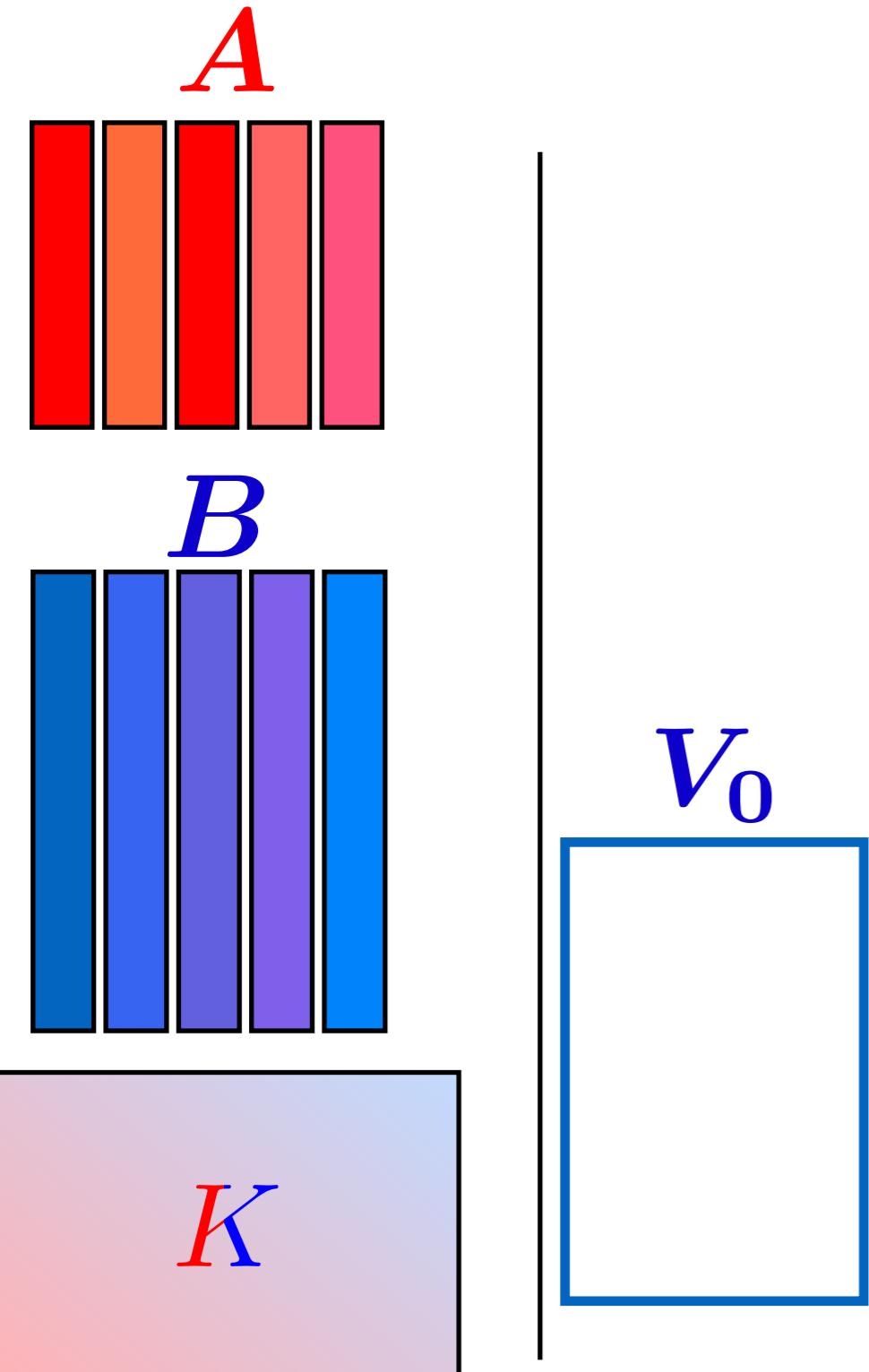
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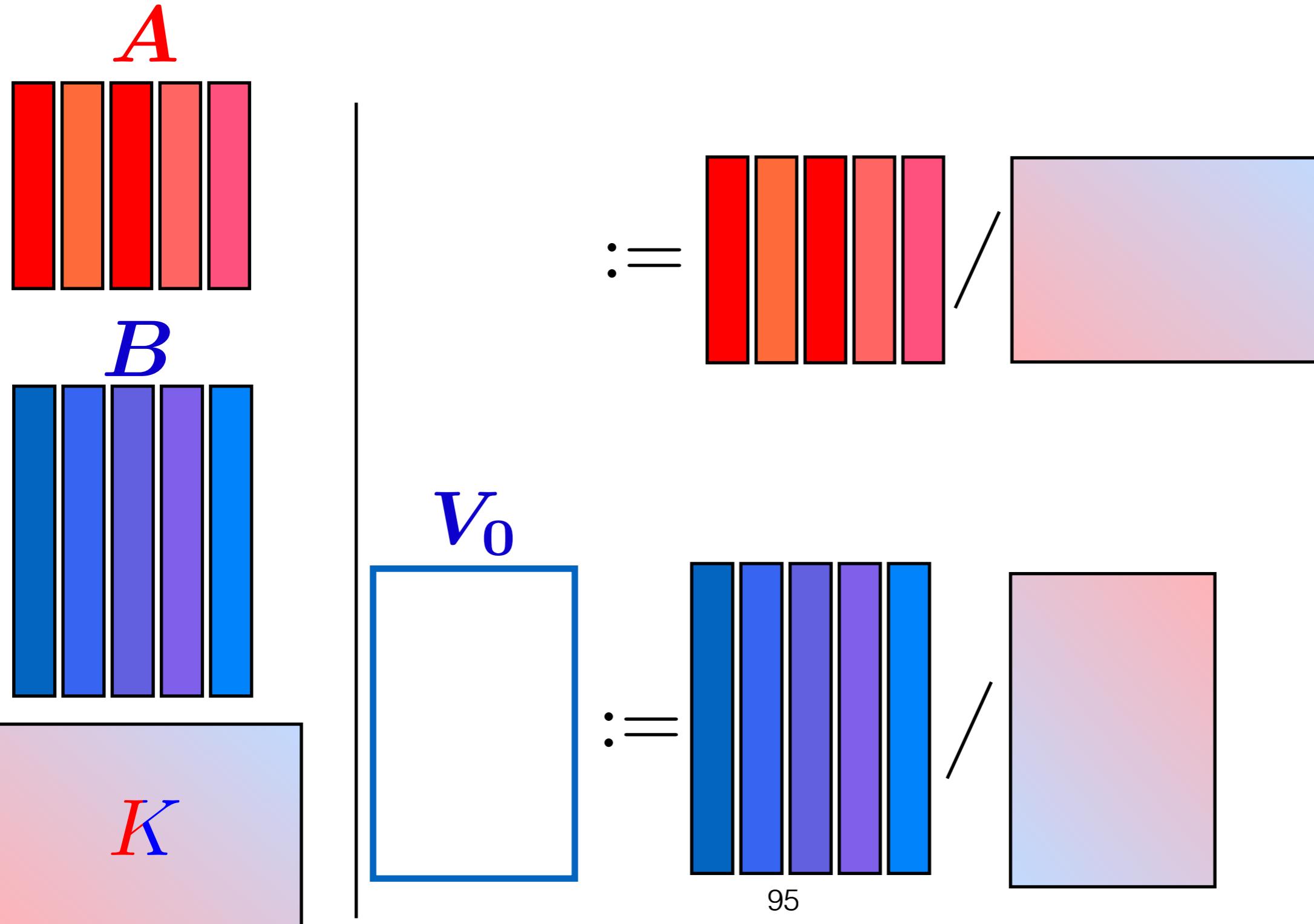
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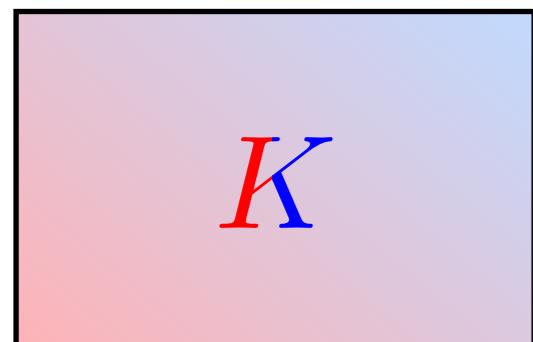
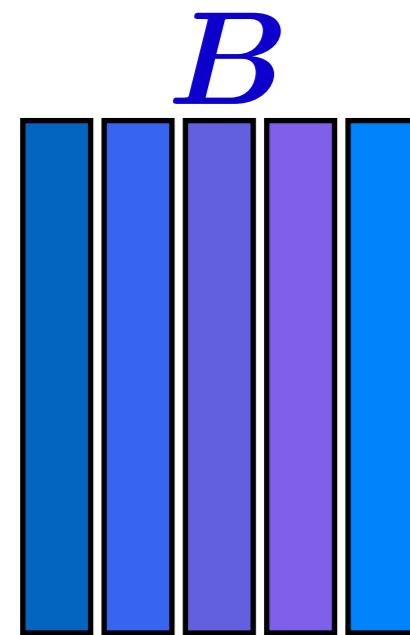
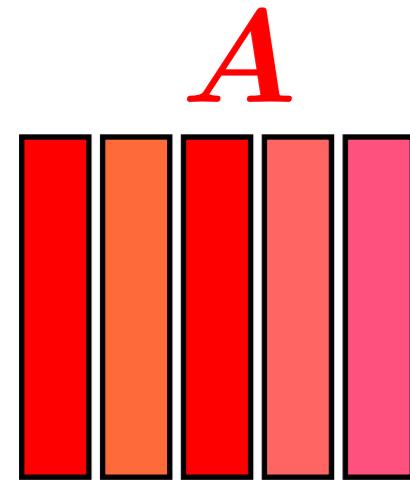
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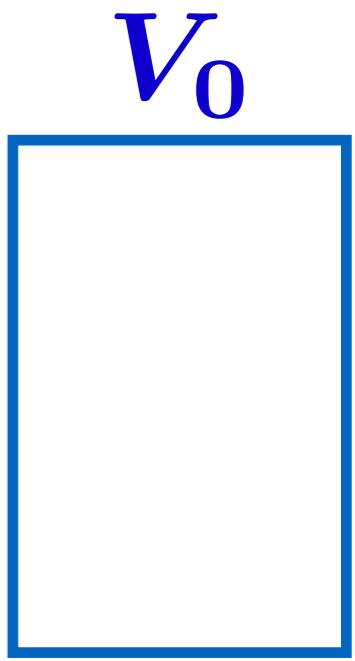
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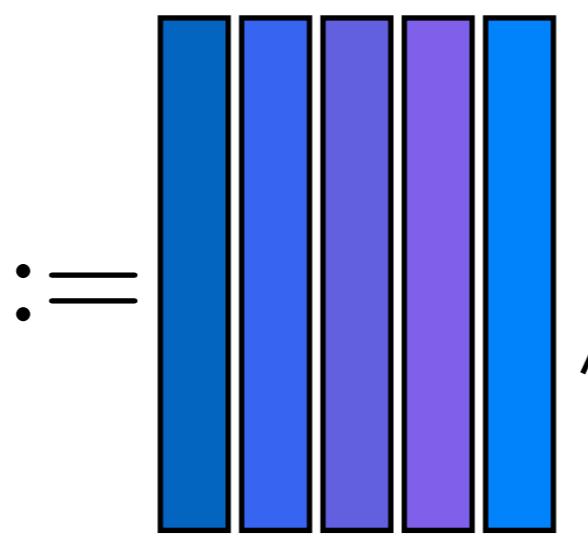
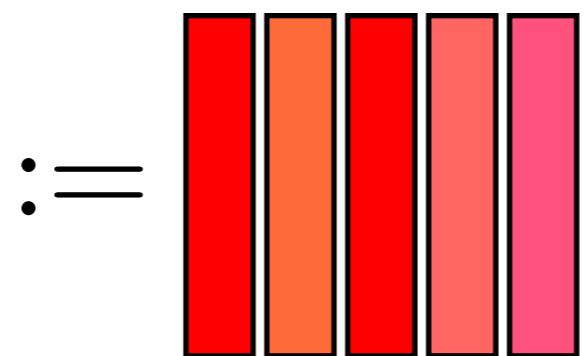
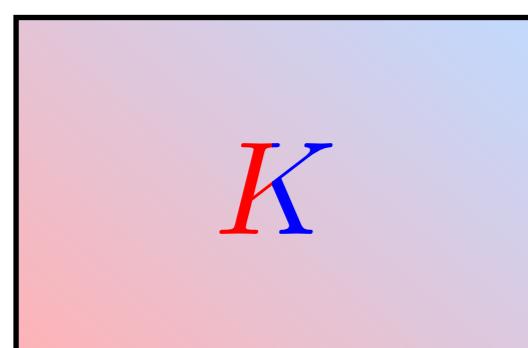
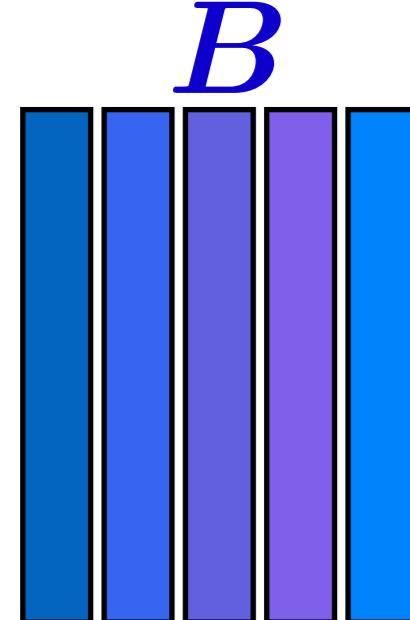
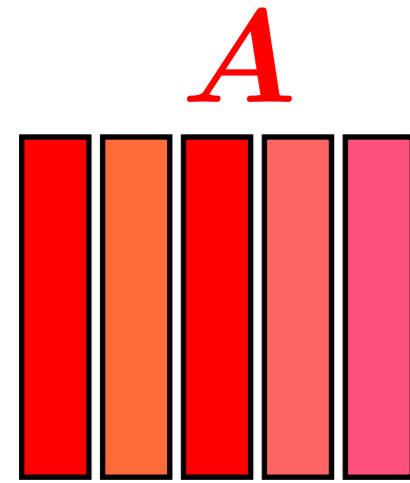
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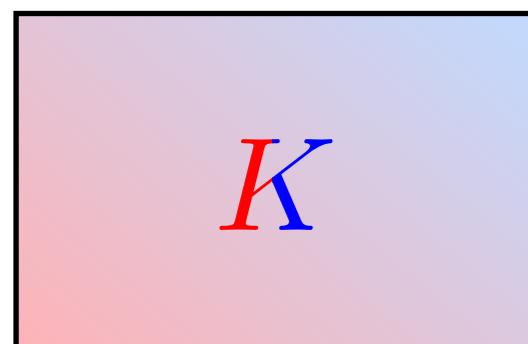
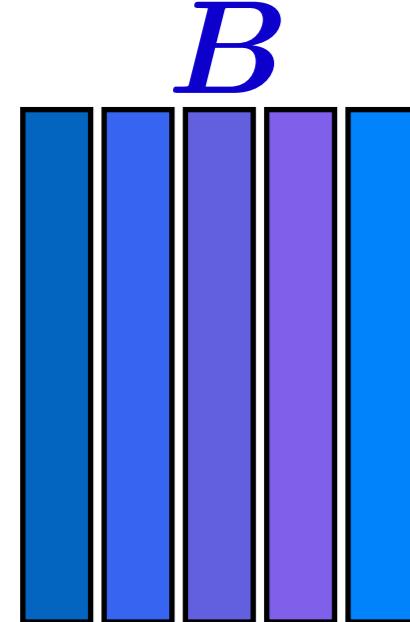
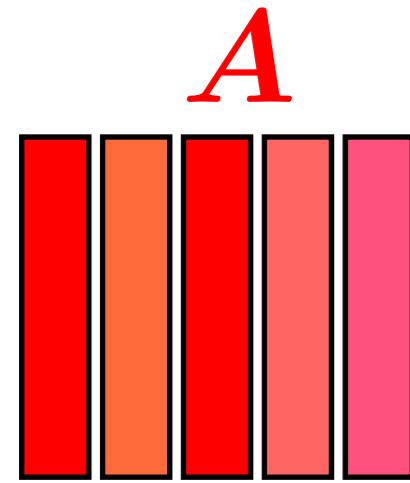
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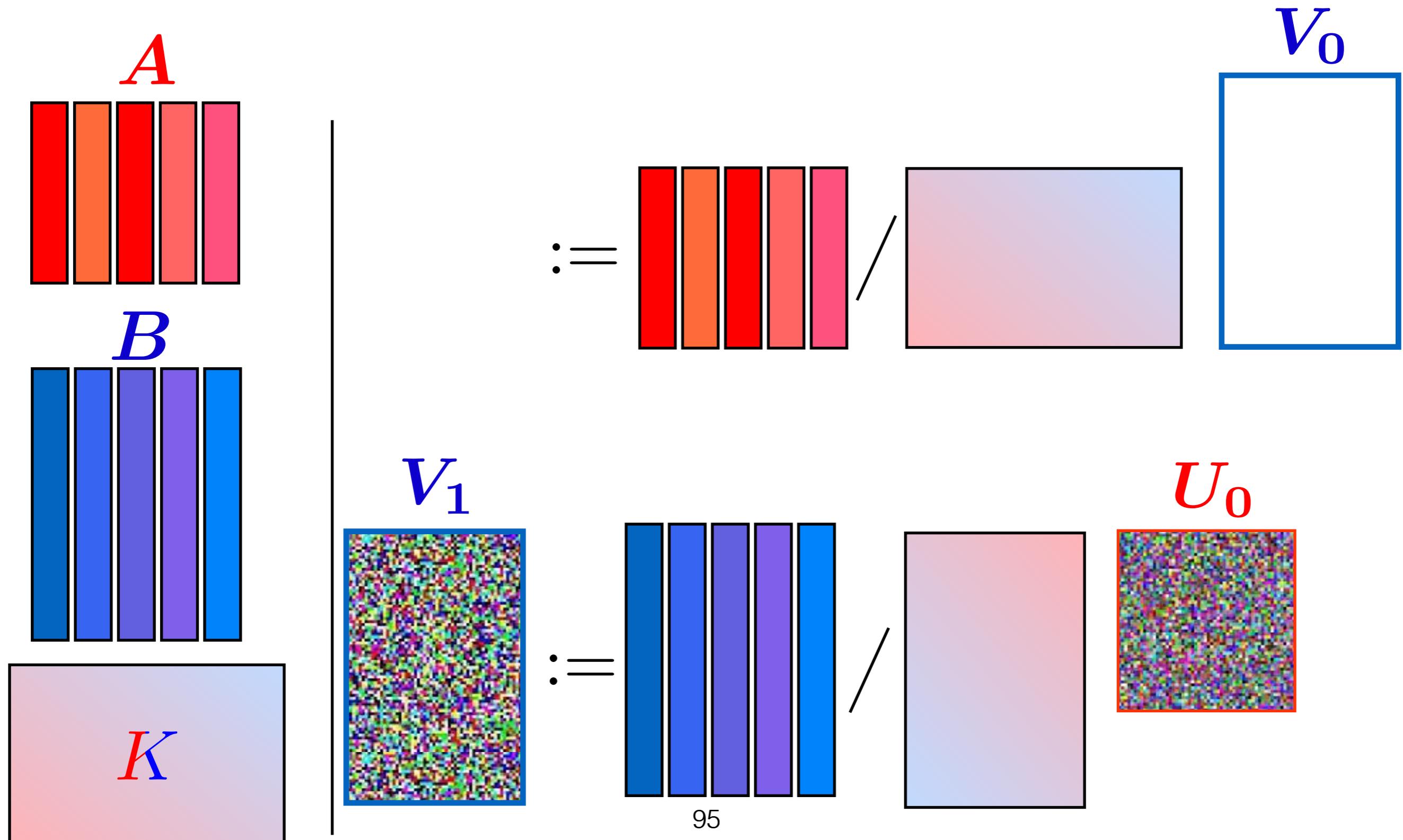
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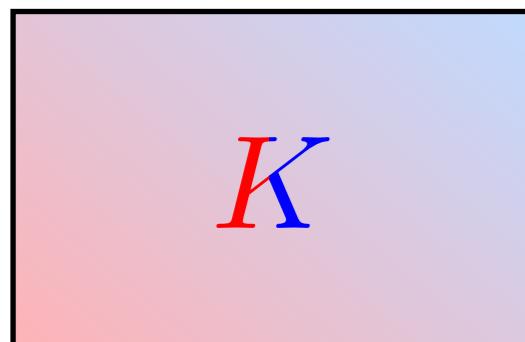
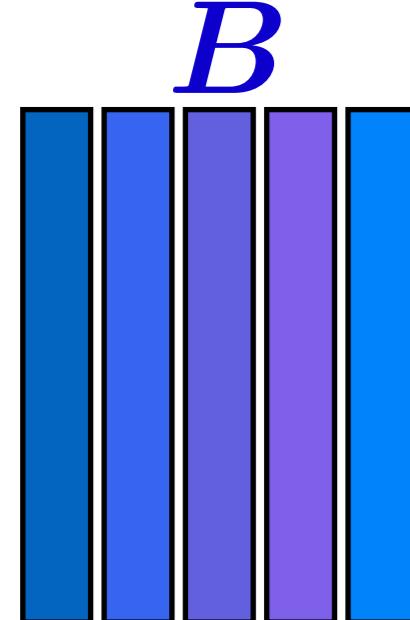
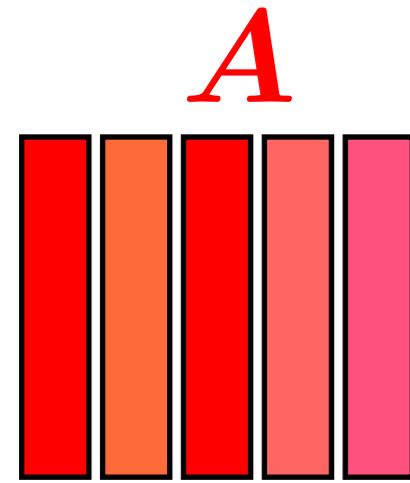
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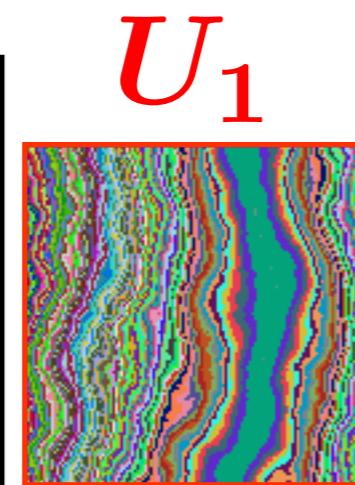
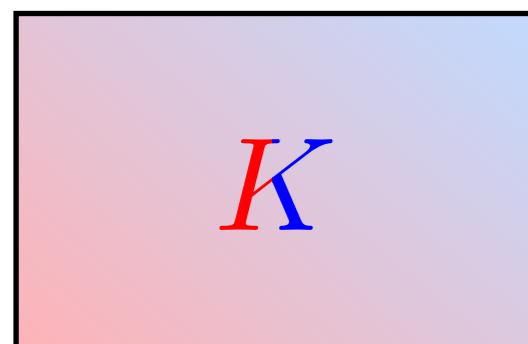
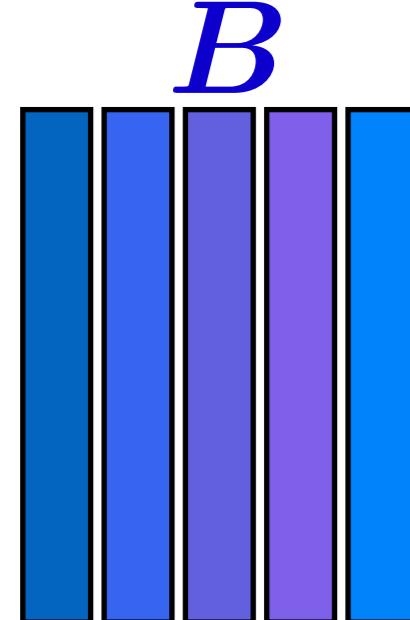
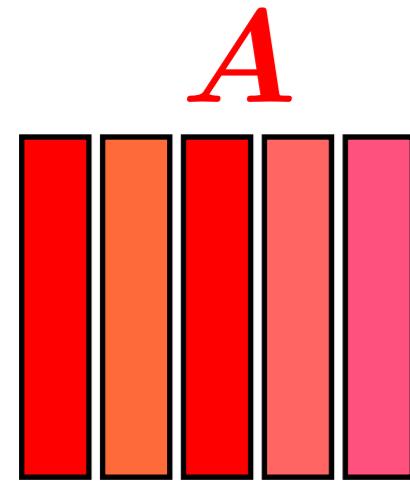
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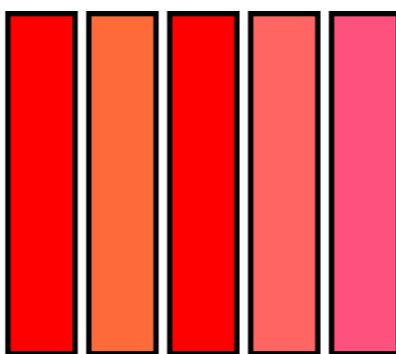
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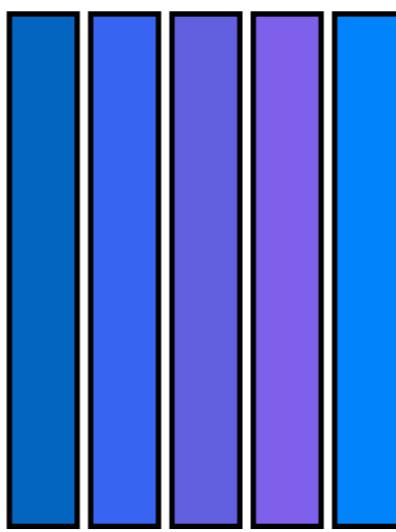
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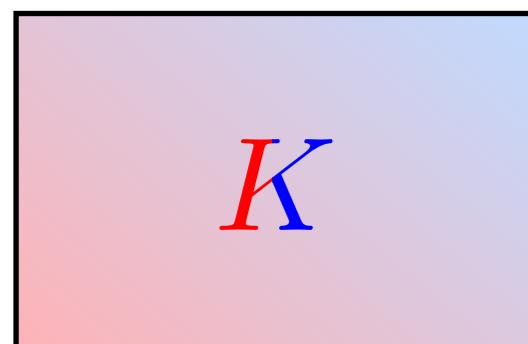
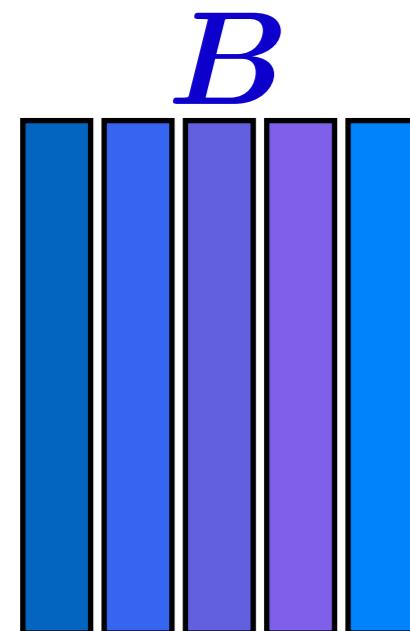
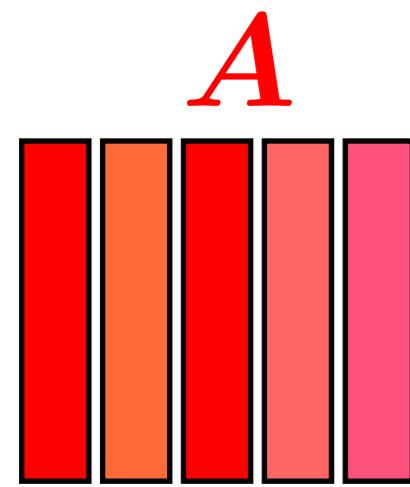
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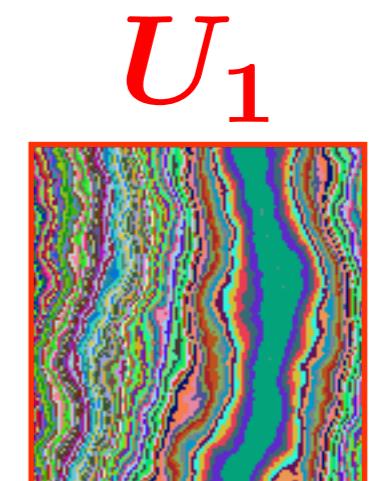
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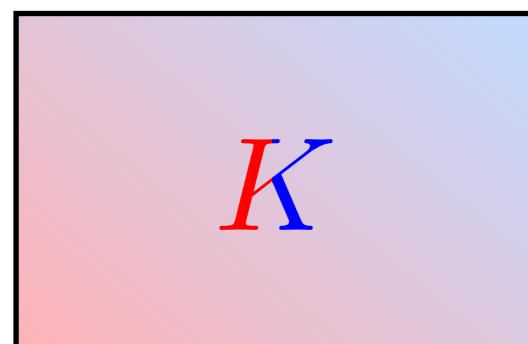
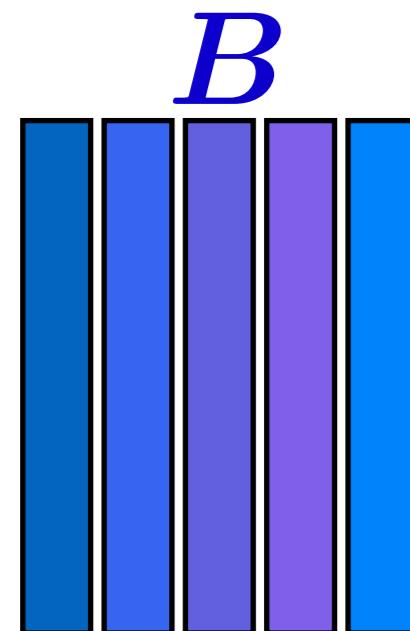
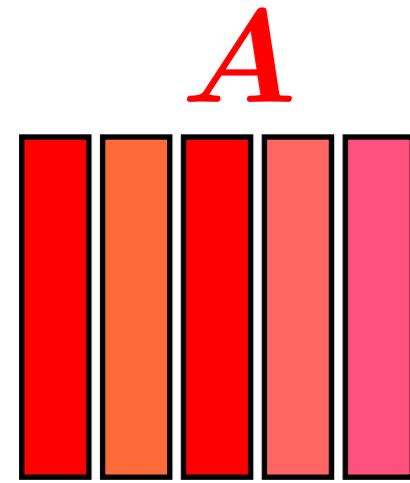


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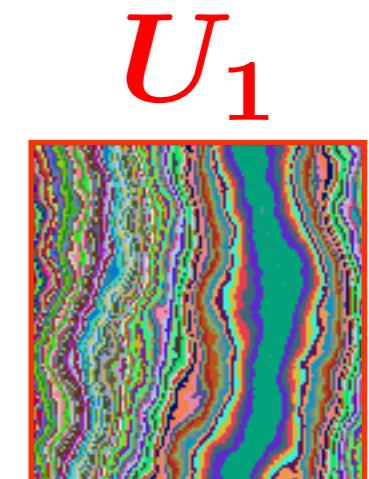
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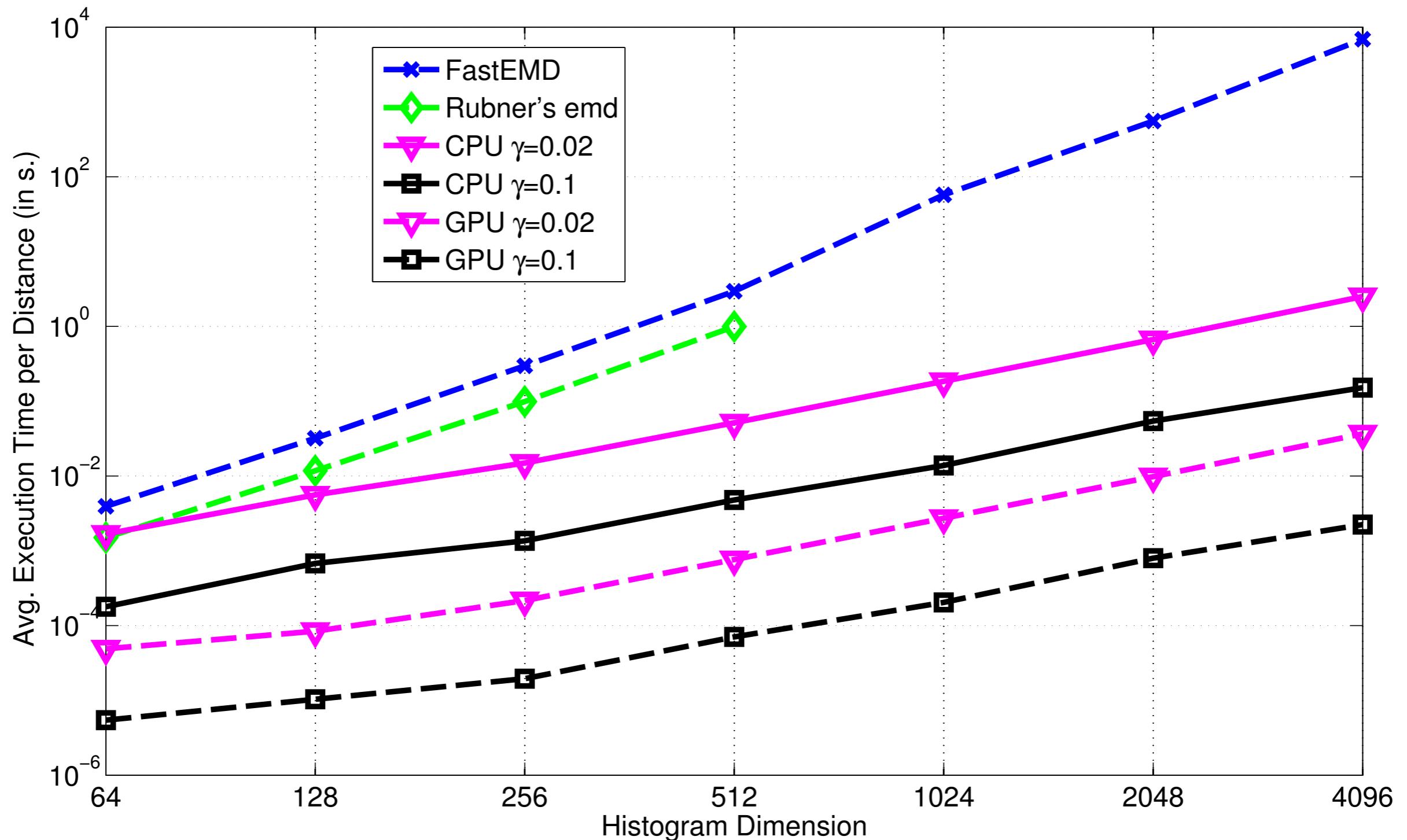
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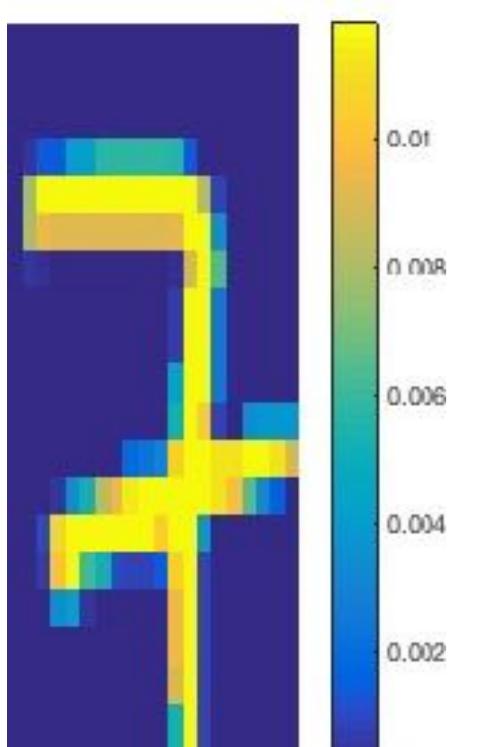


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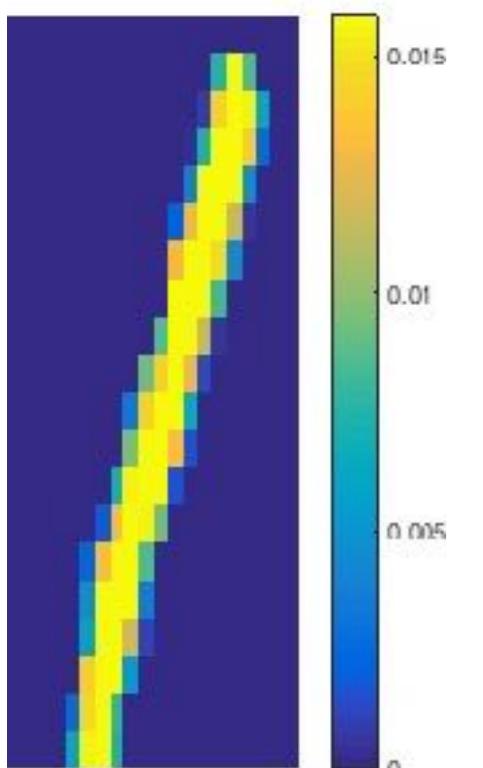
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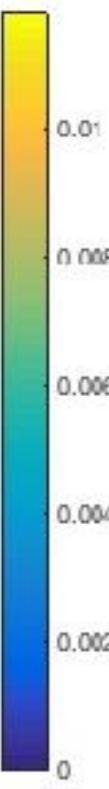
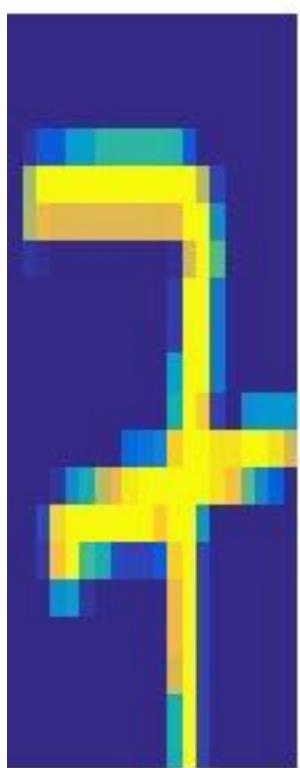


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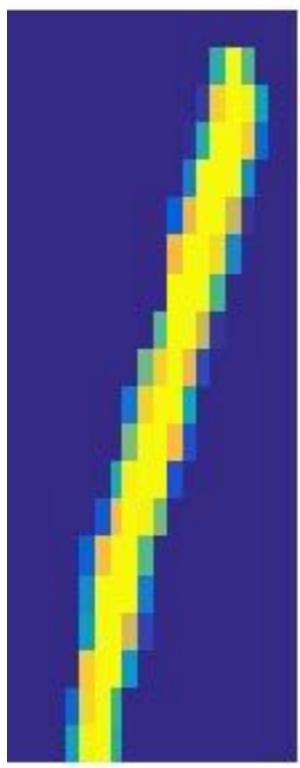


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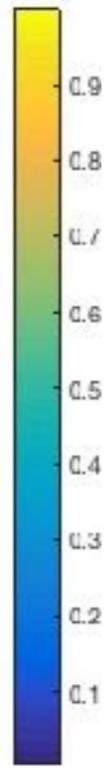
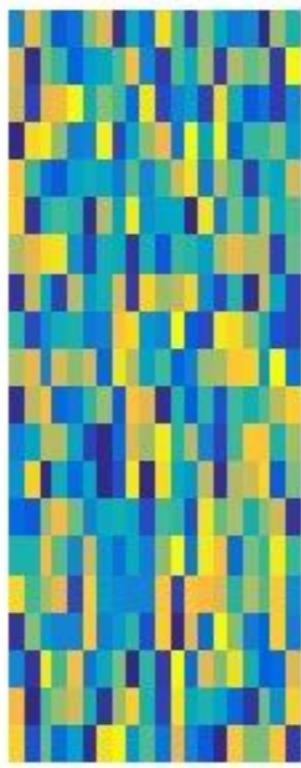
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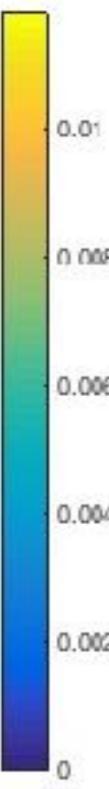
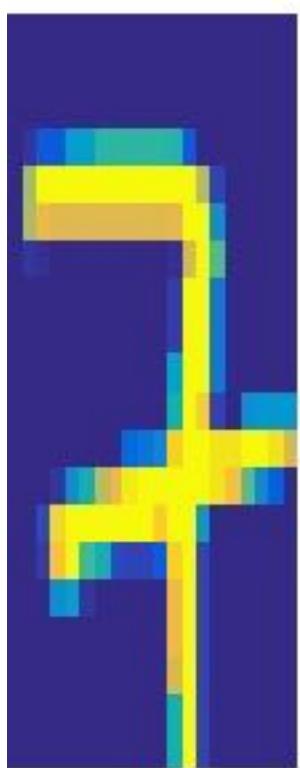


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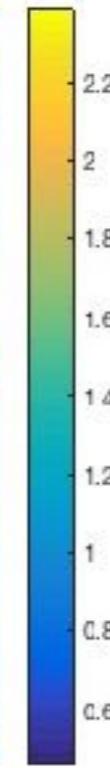
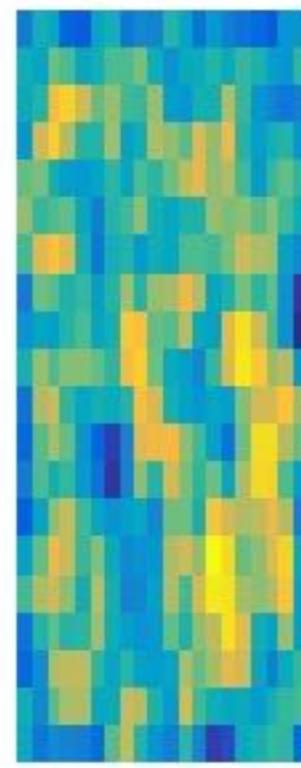
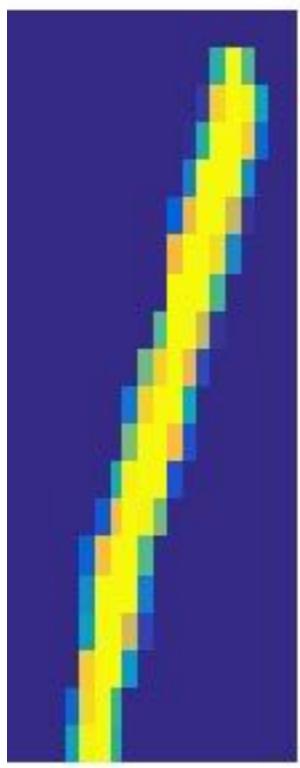
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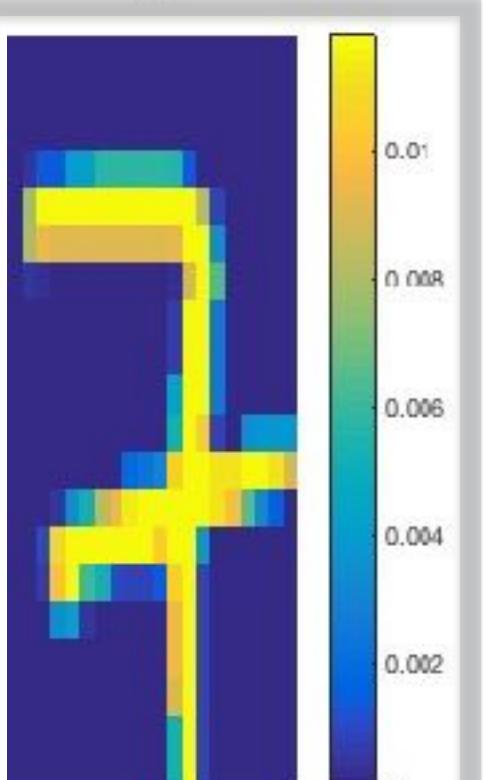
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Kv_1

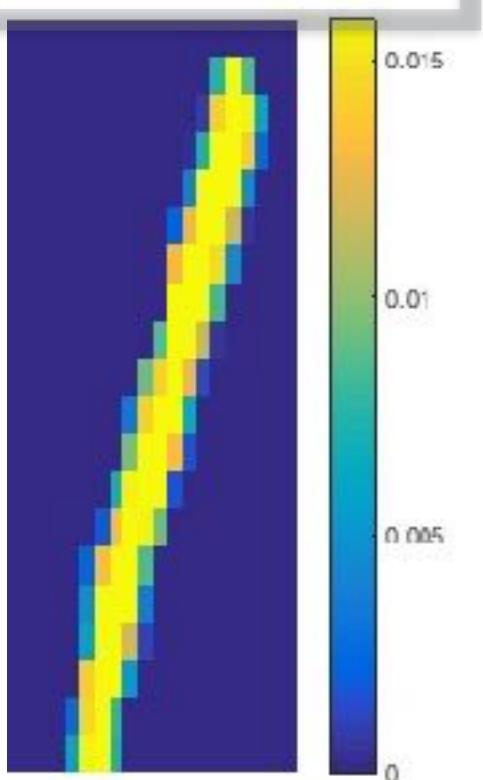


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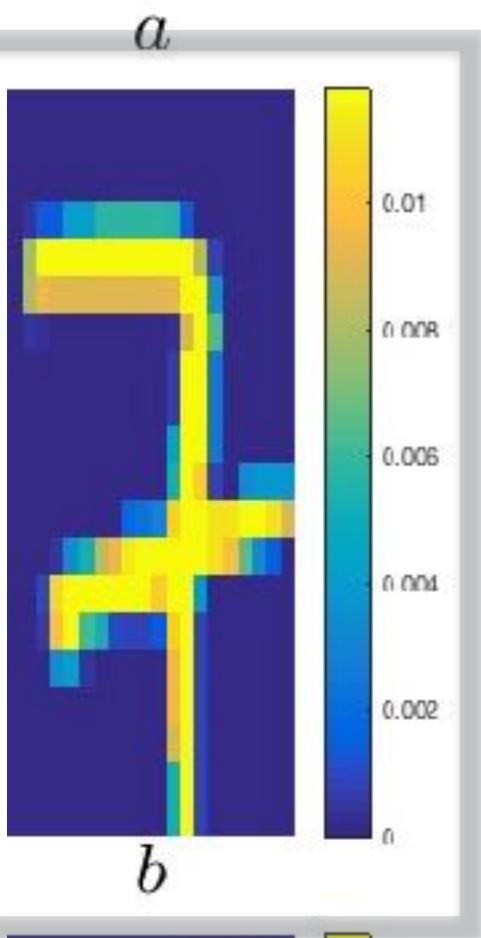
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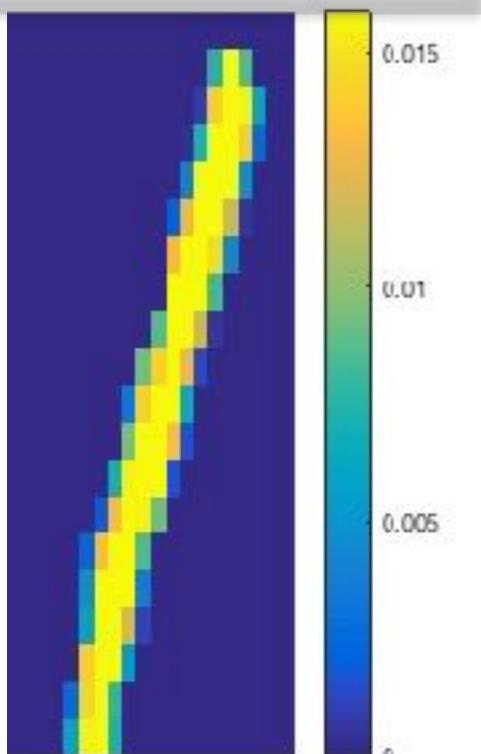
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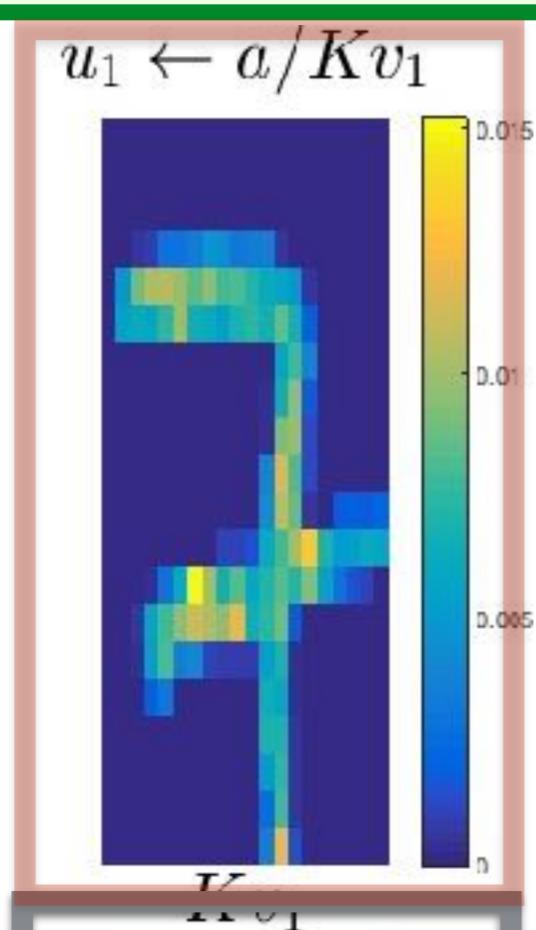
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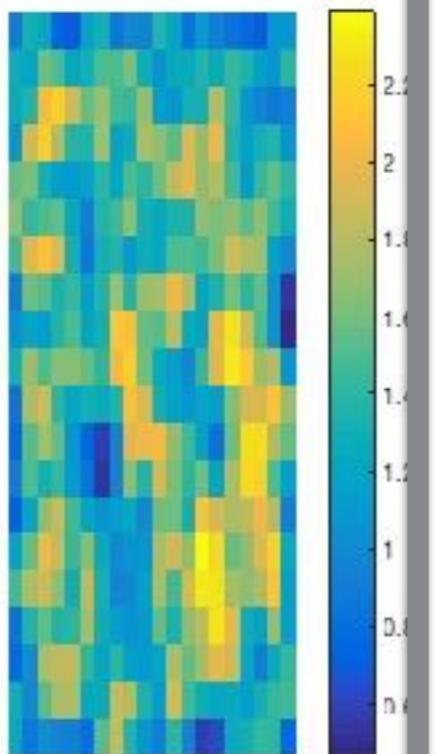
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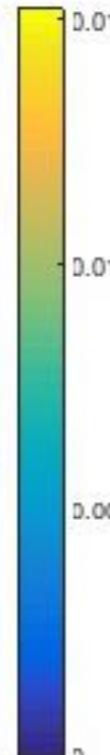
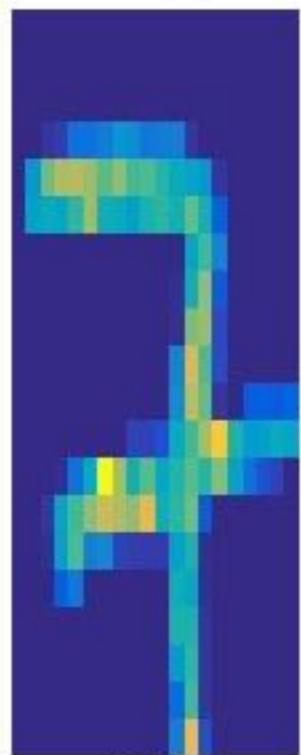
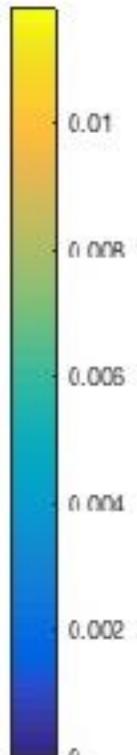
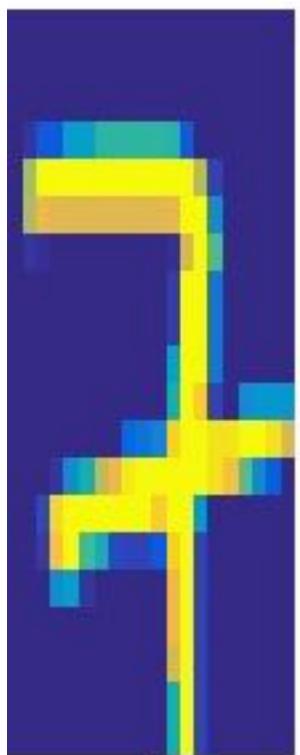
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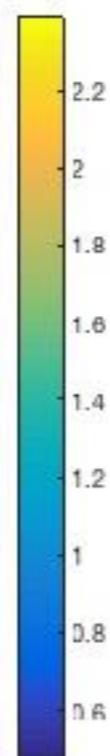
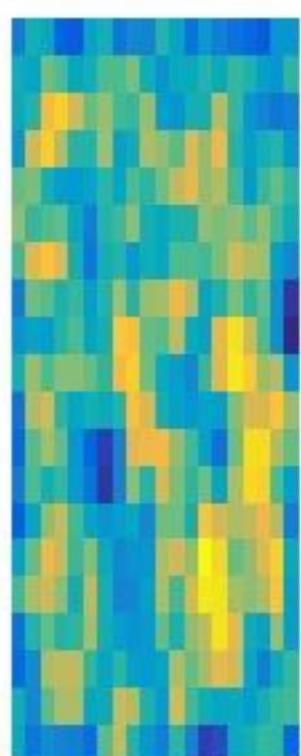
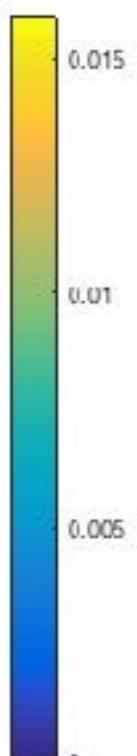
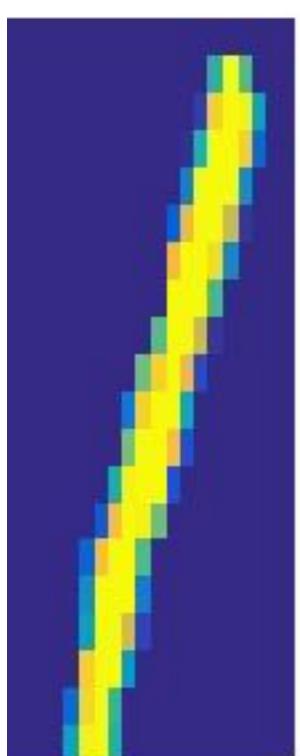
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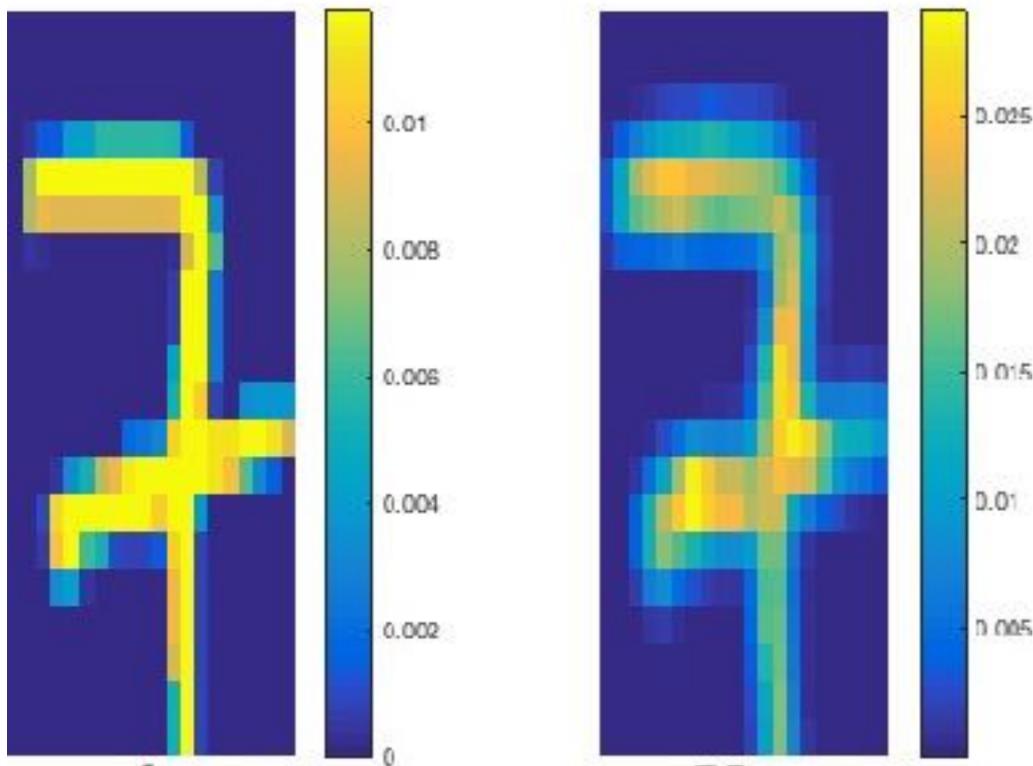
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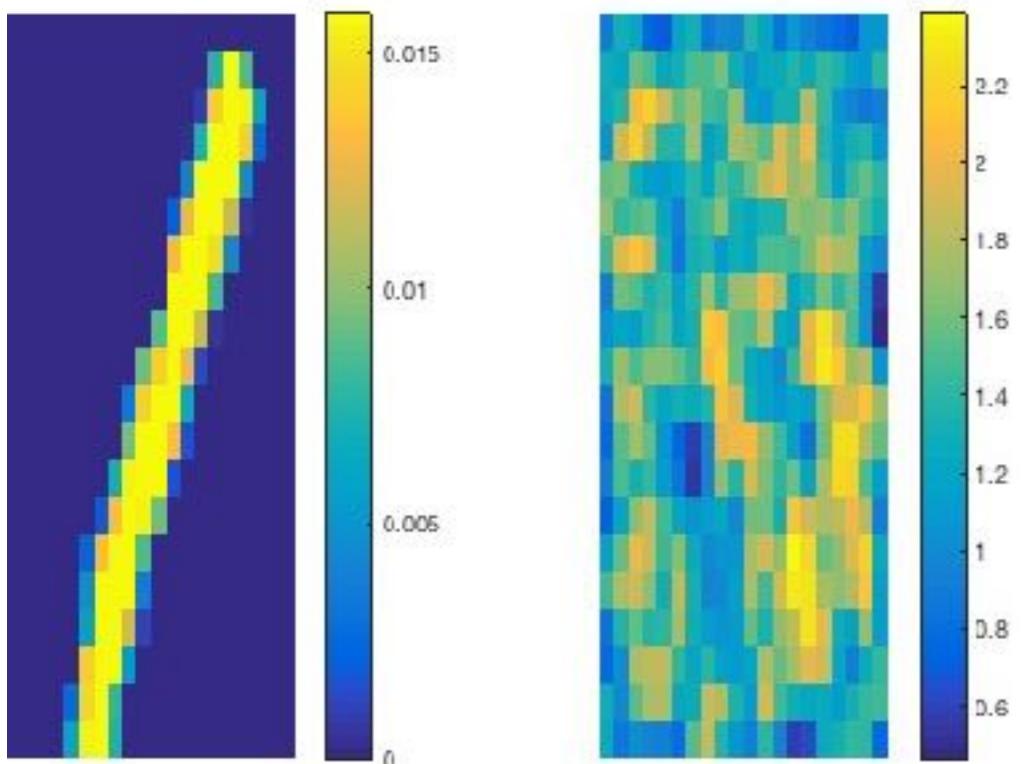
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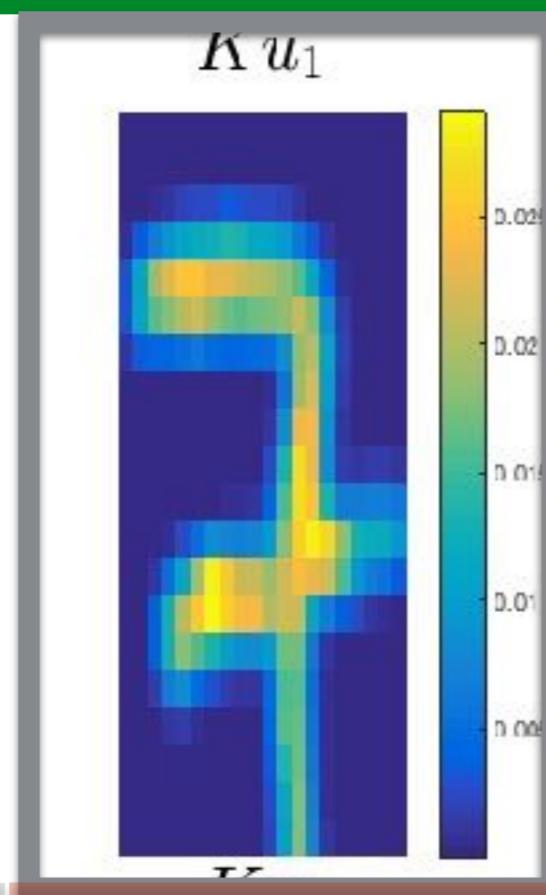
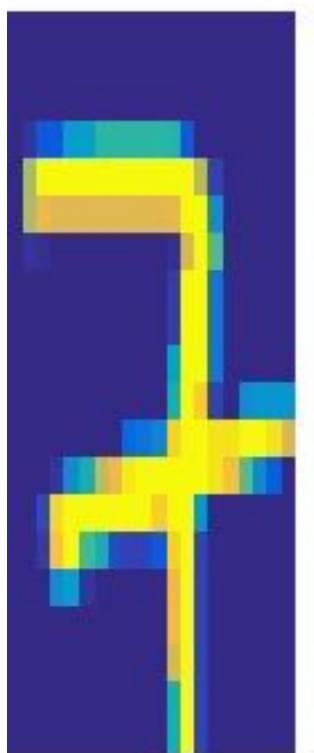
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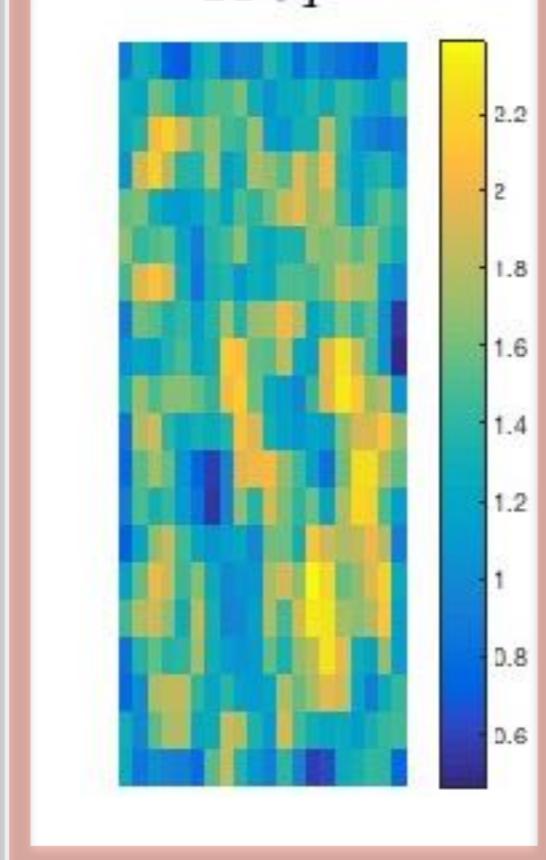
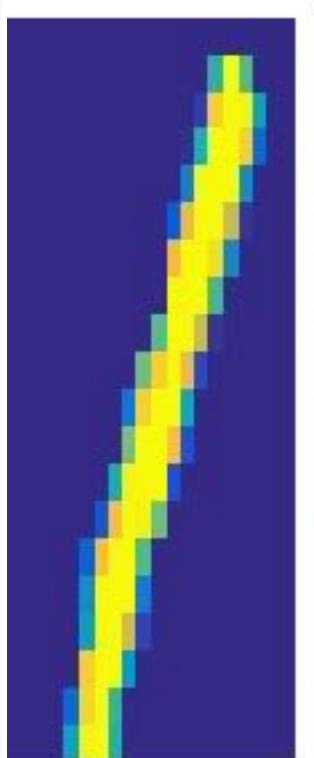


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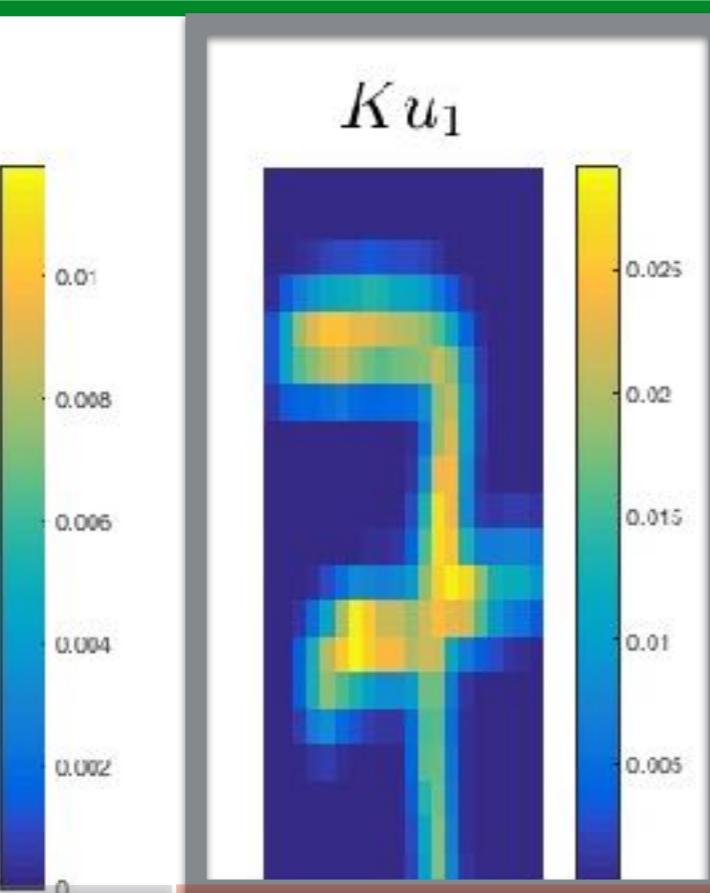
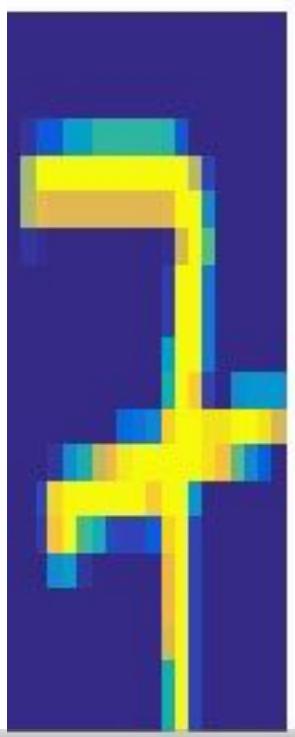


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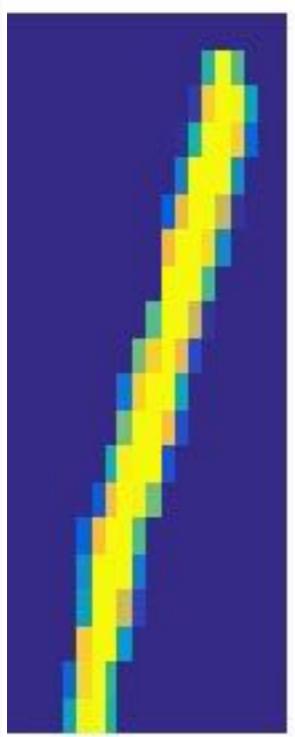


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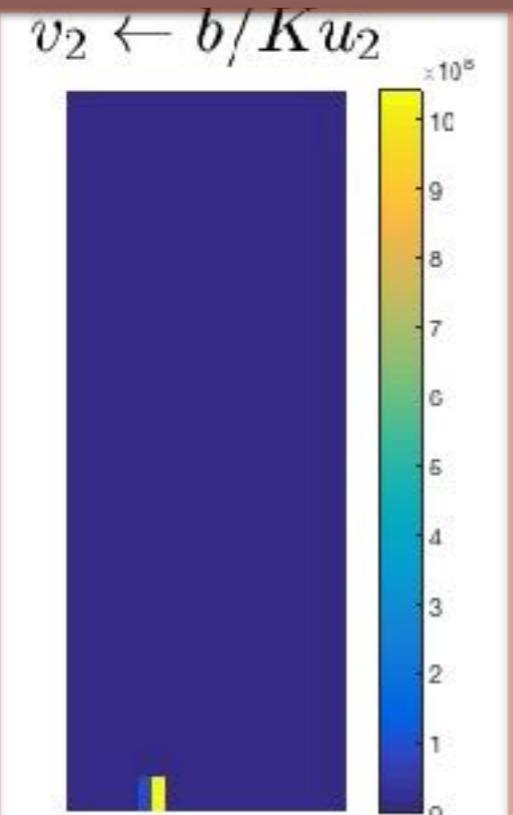
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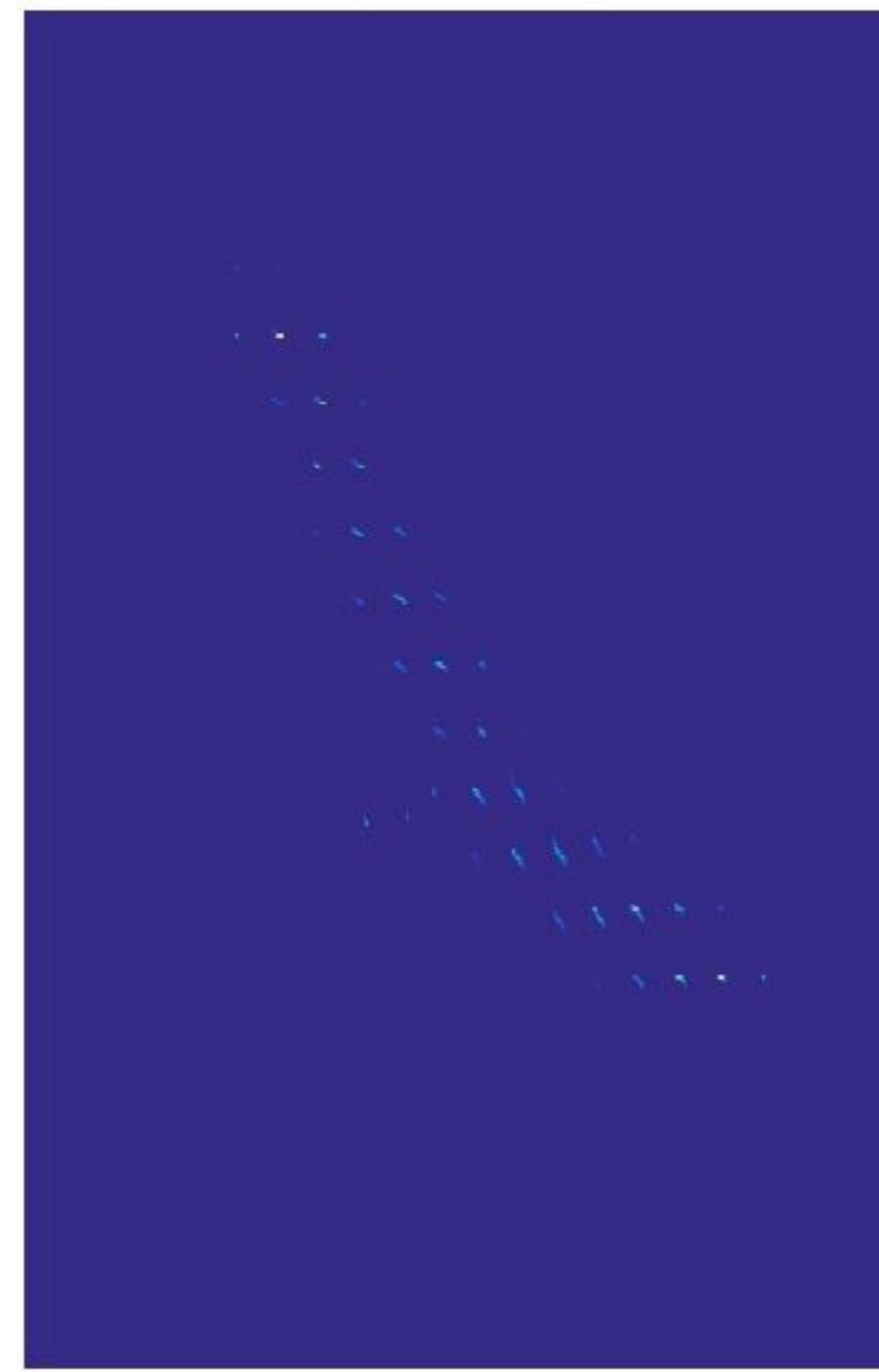


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$$P_1 = D(u_1)KD(v_1)$$

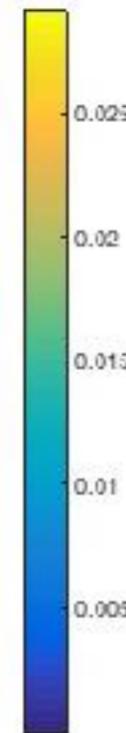
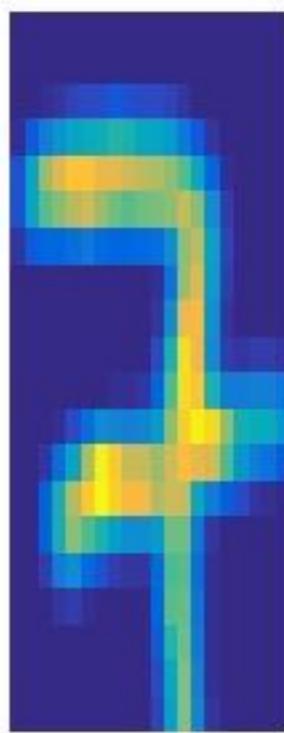
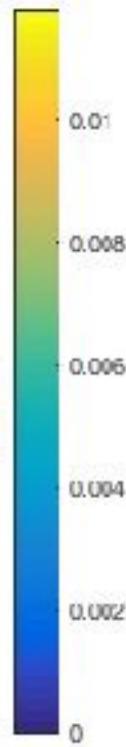
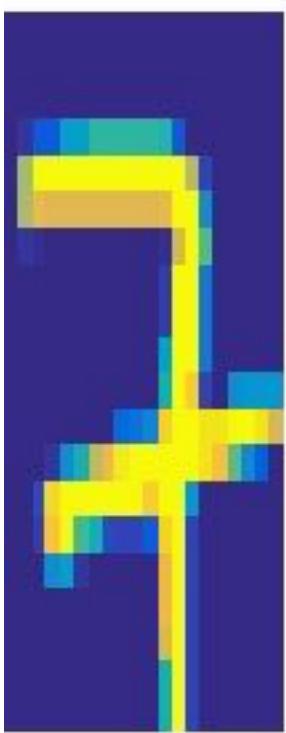
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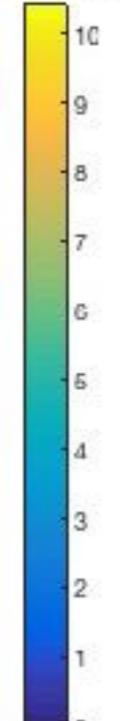
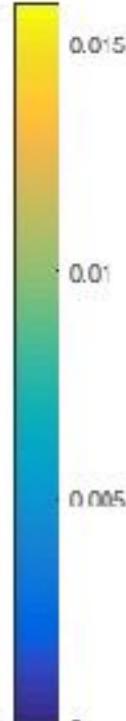
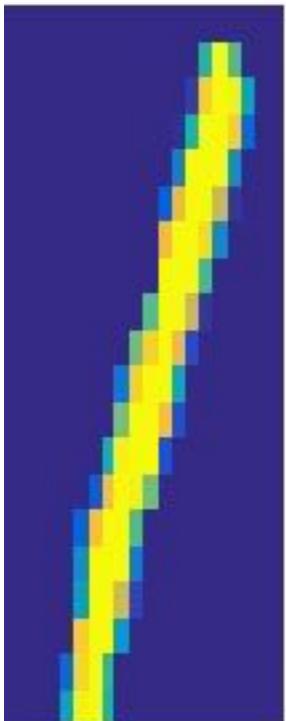
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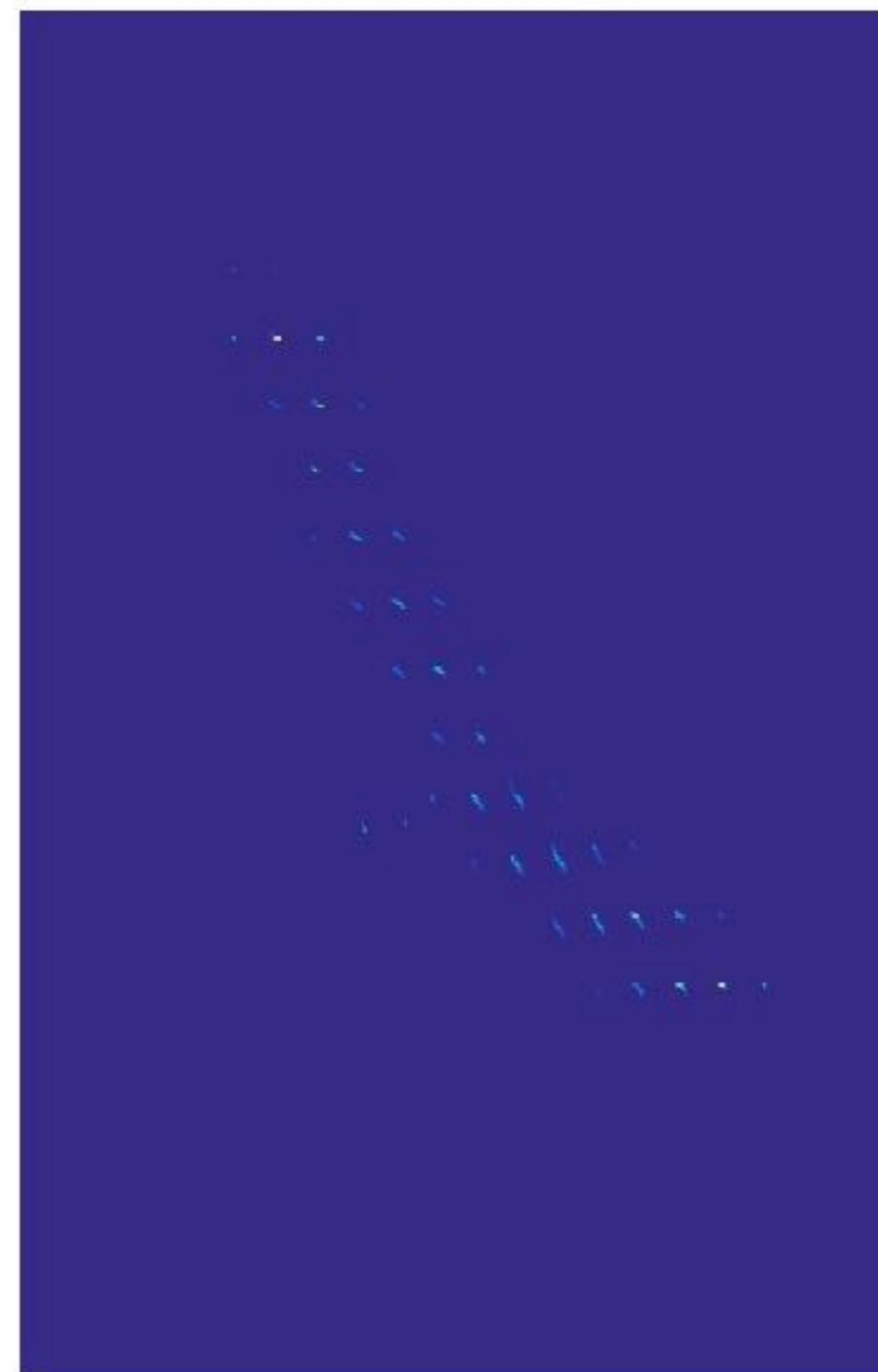
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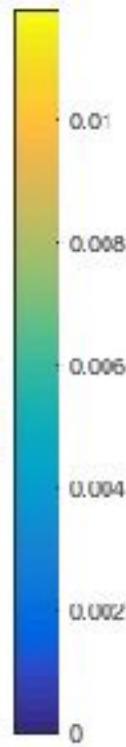
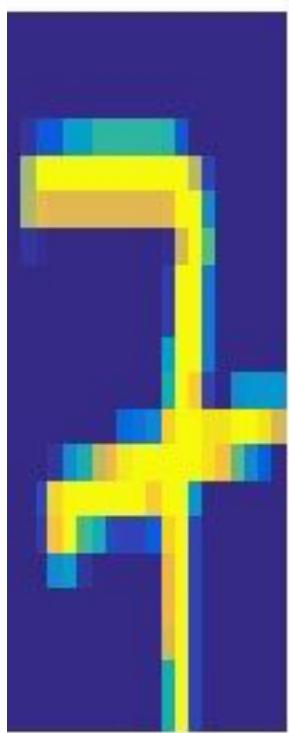
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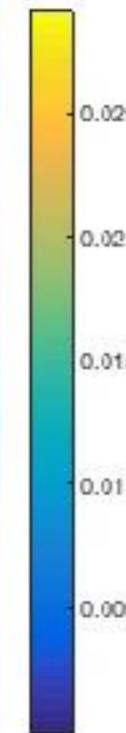
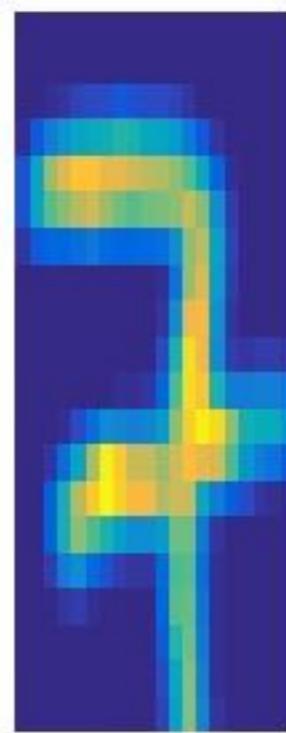
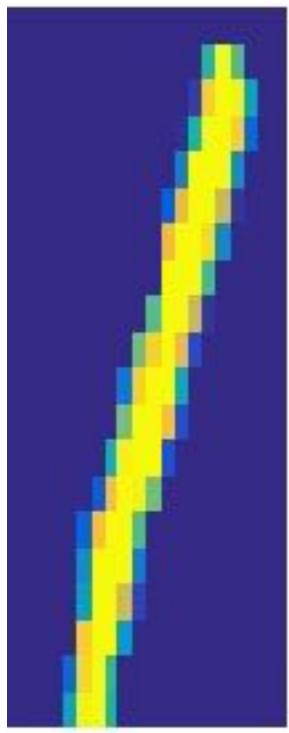
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*Kv*₂



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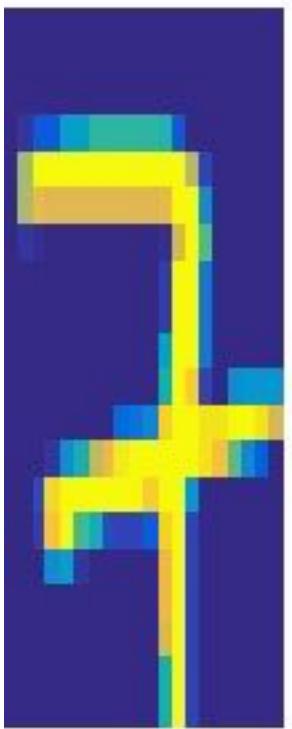
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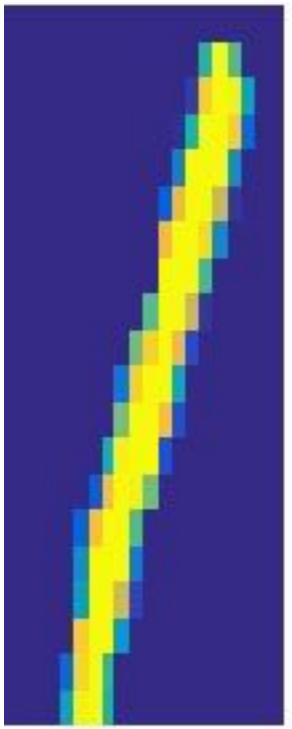
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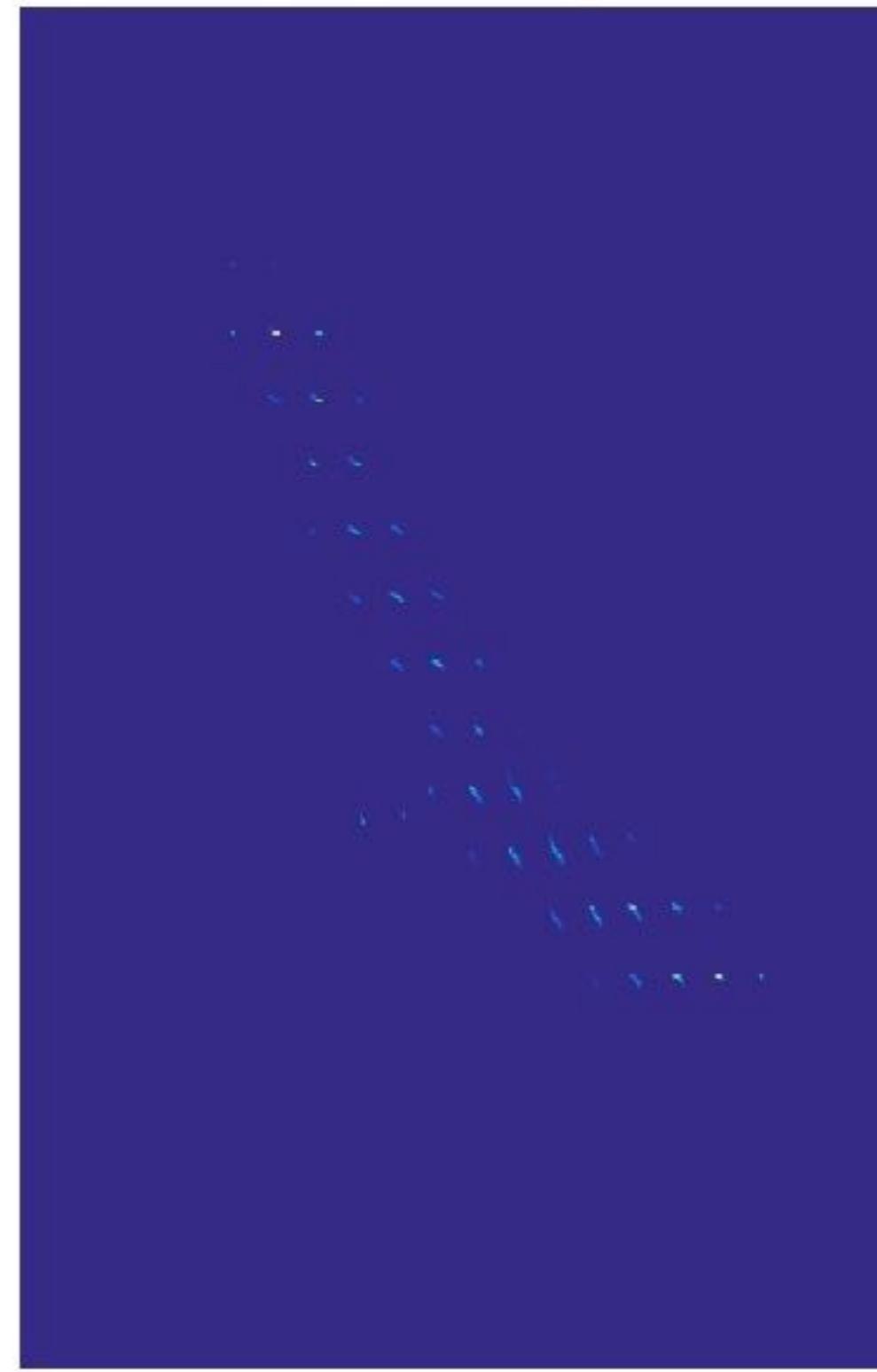


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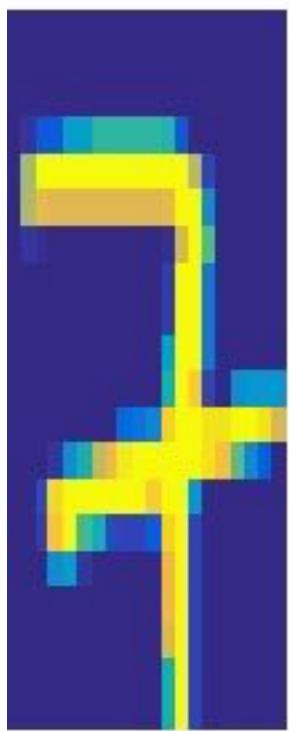
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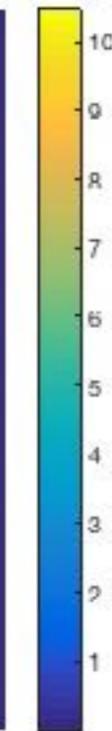


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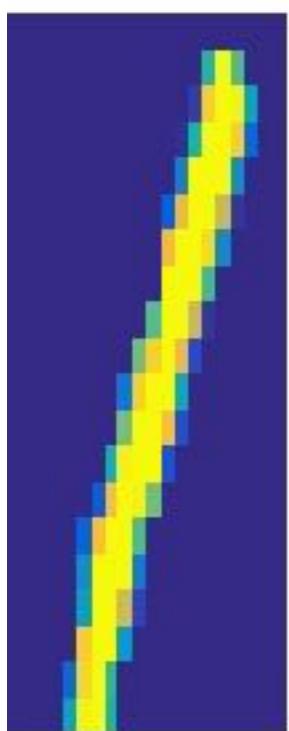
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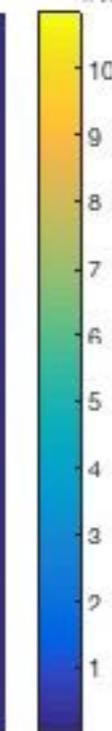
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Kv_2



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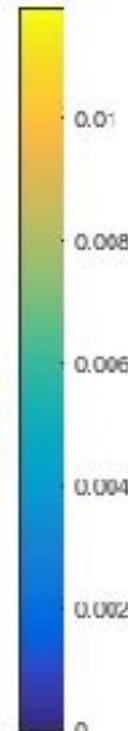
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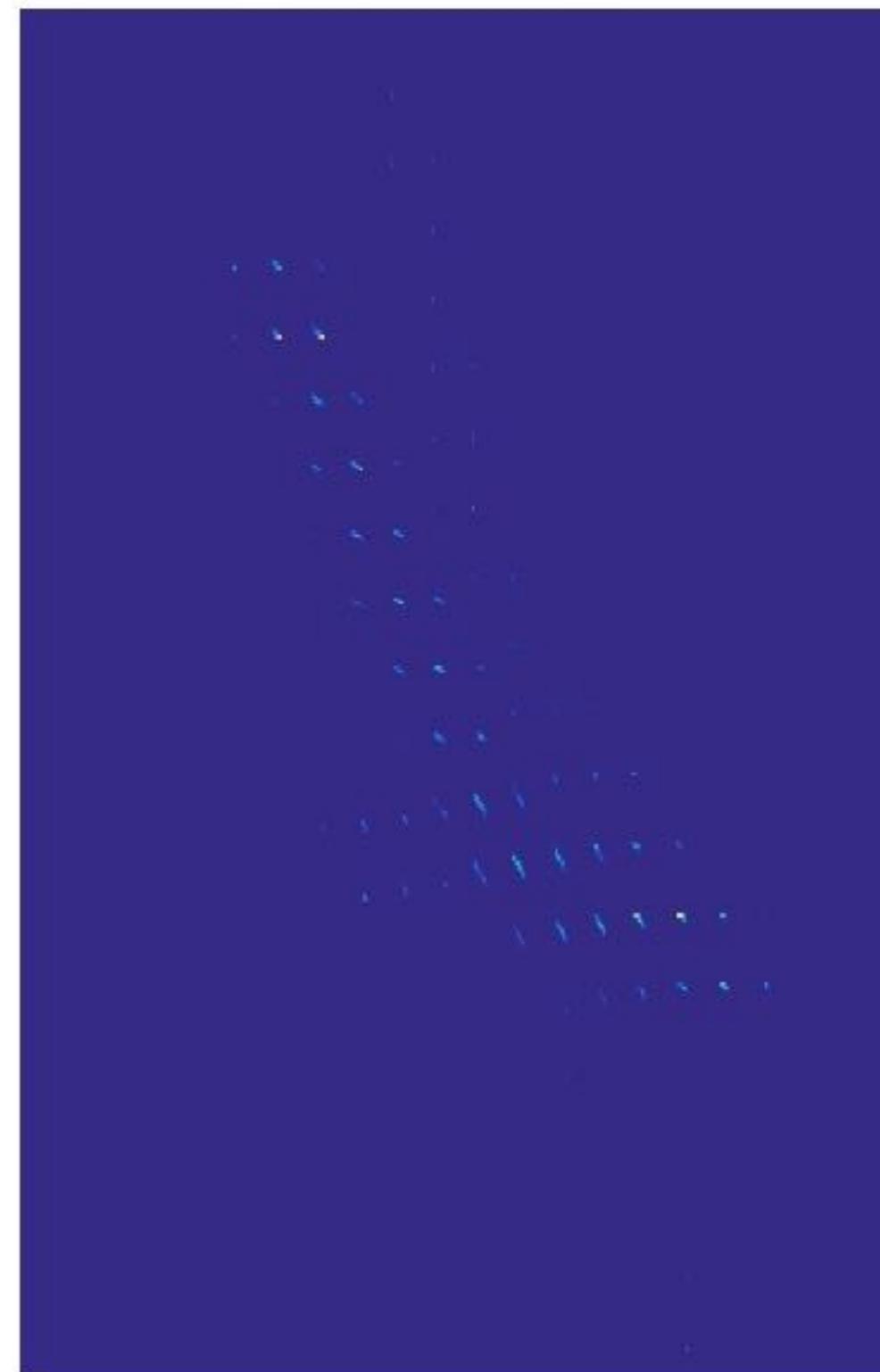


$v_3 \leftarrow b/Ku_3$



$$P_2 = D(u_2)KD(v_2)$$

$$\|P1 - a\|_1 + \|P^T 1 - b\|_1 = 0.91067$$

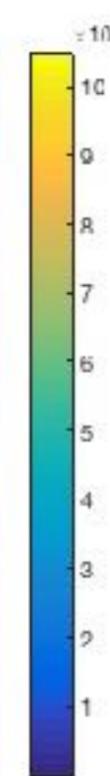


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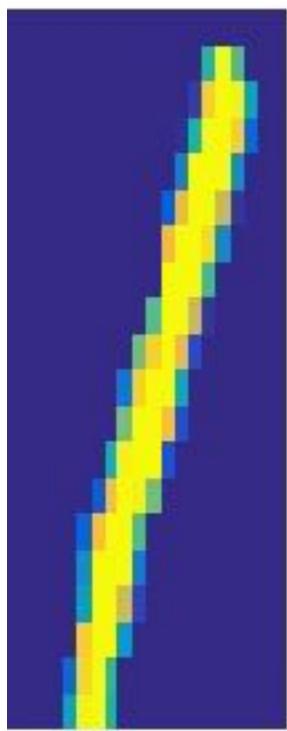
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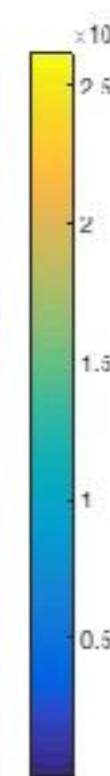
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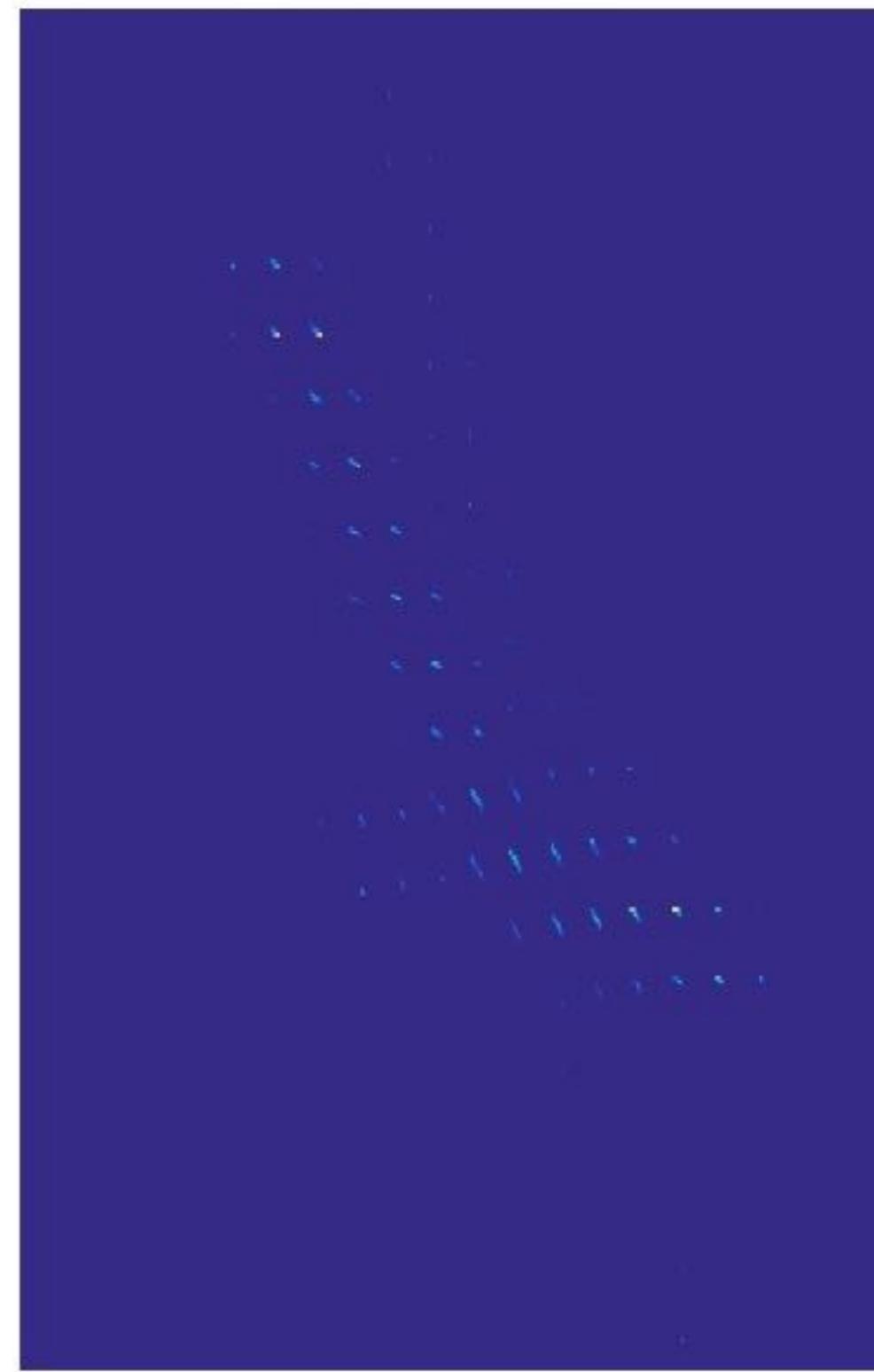


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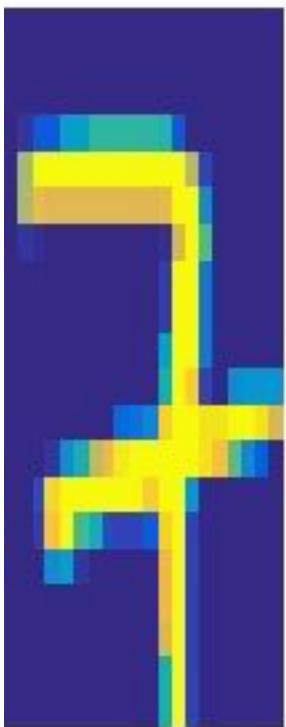
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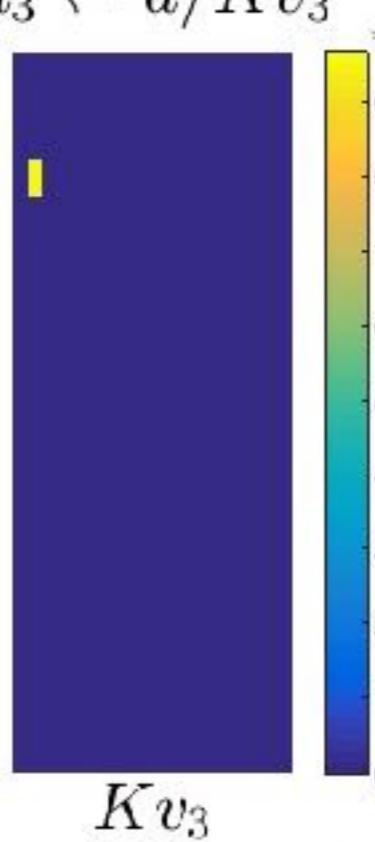
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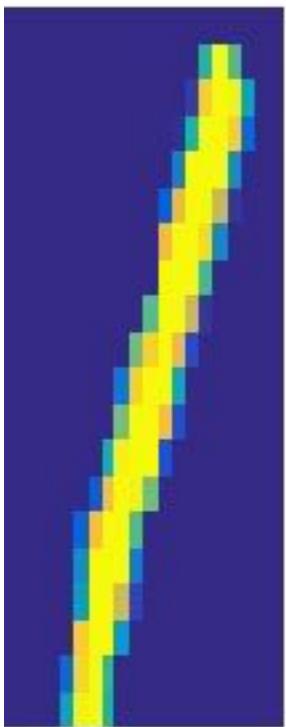
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b

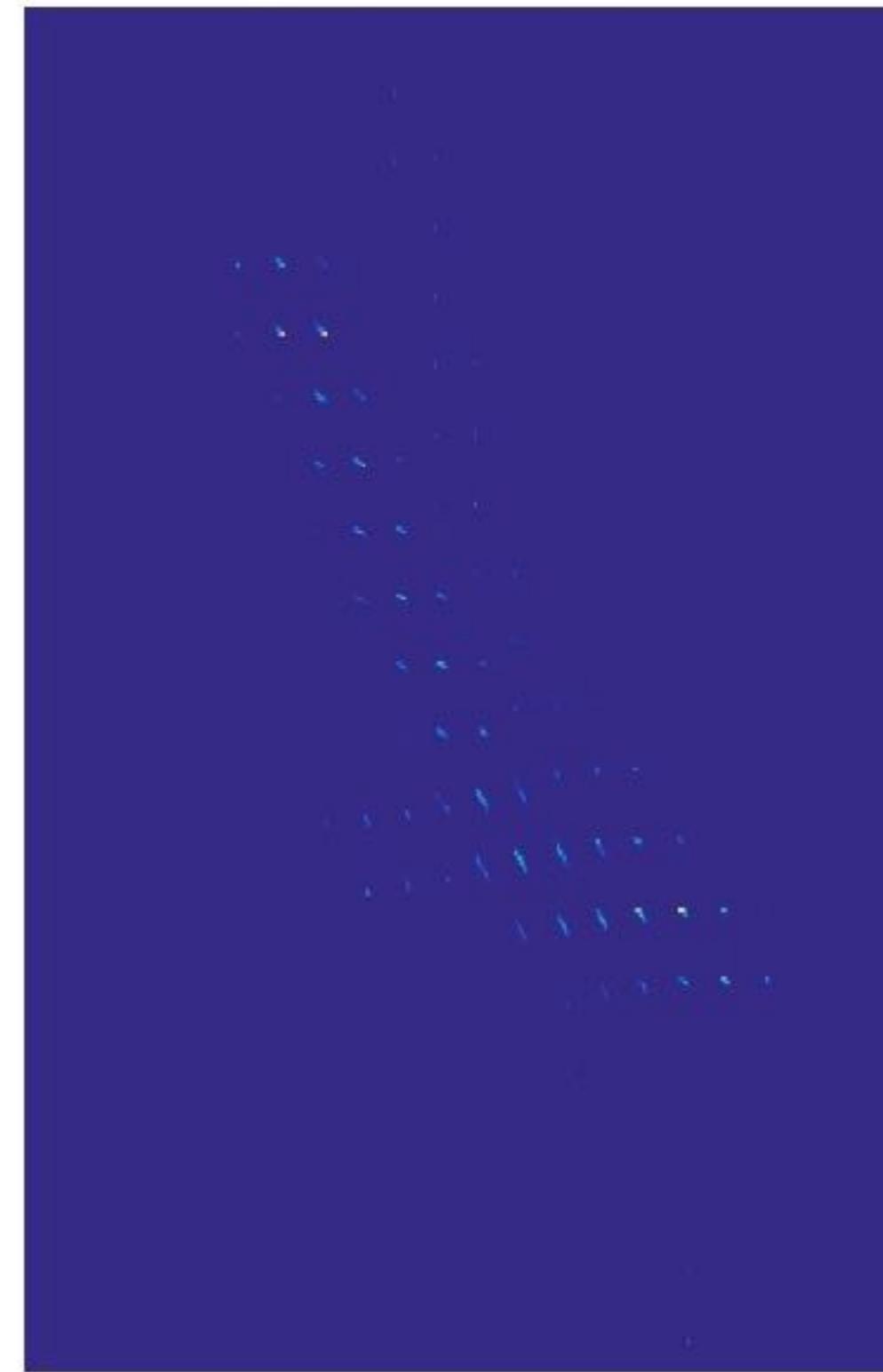


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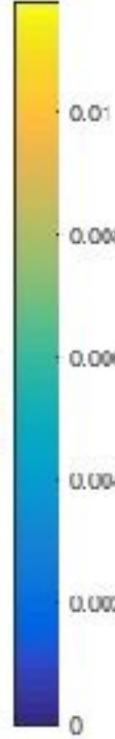
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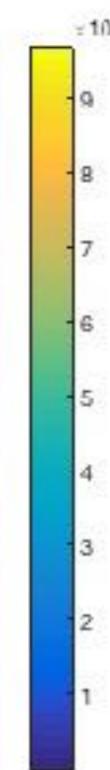


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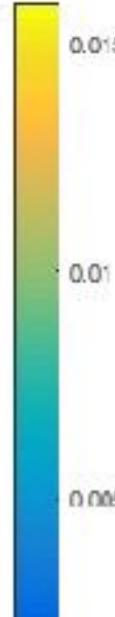
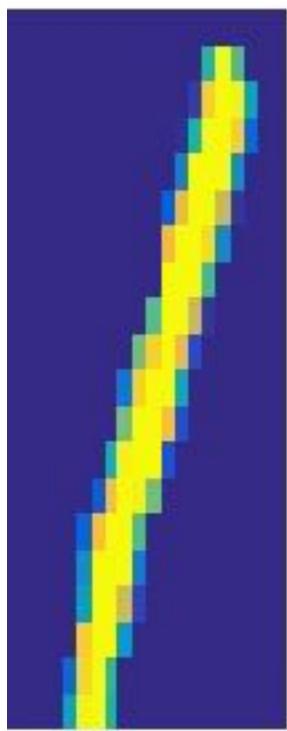
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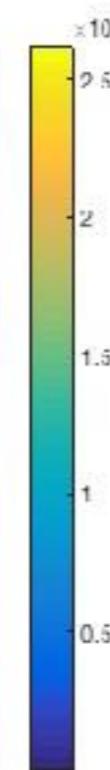
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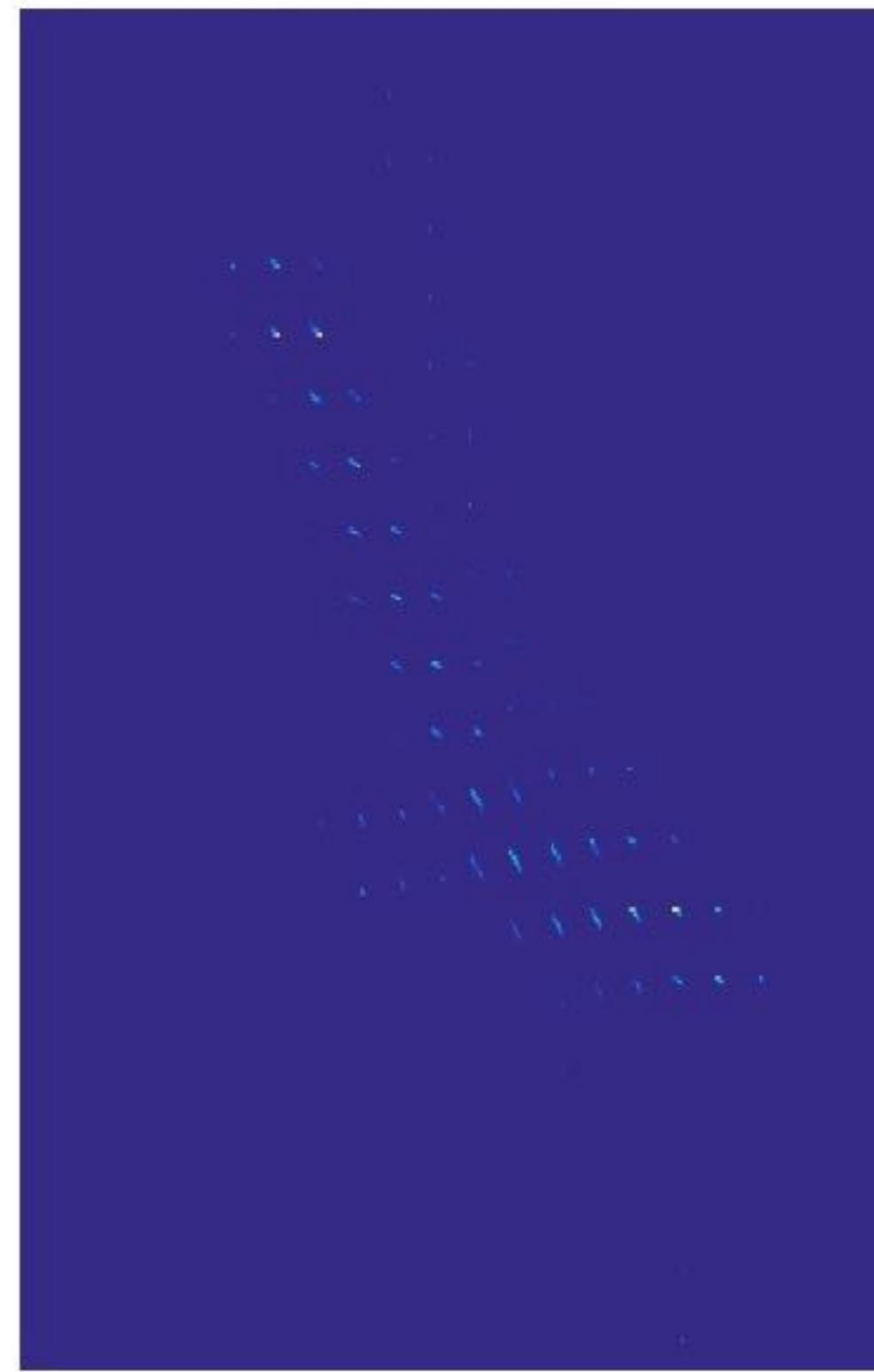


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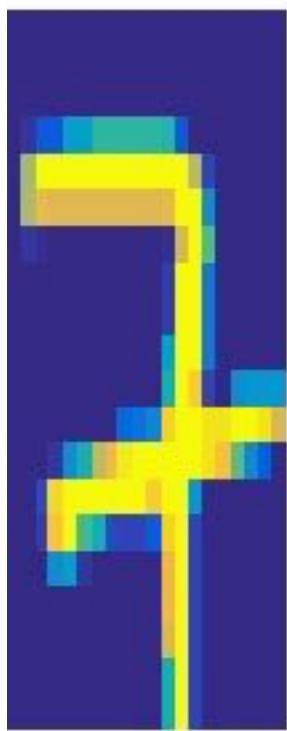
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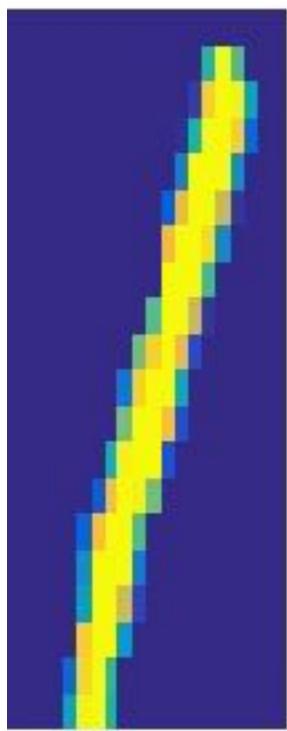
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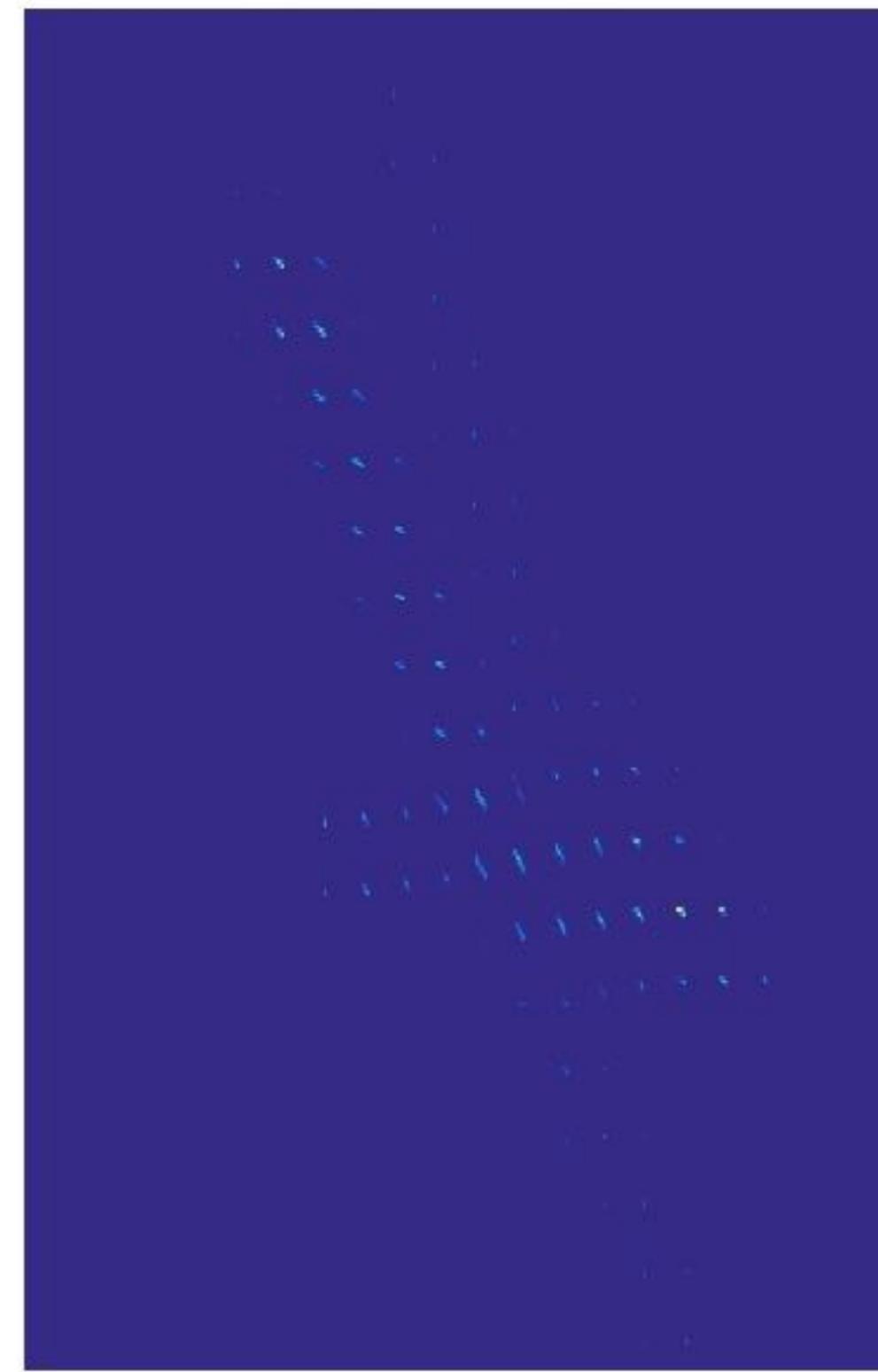


$v_4 \leftarrow b/Ku_4$



$$P_3 = D(u_3)KD(v_3)$$

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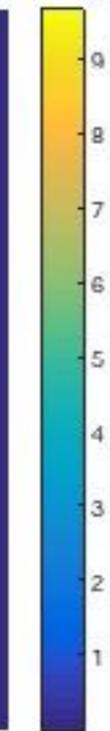


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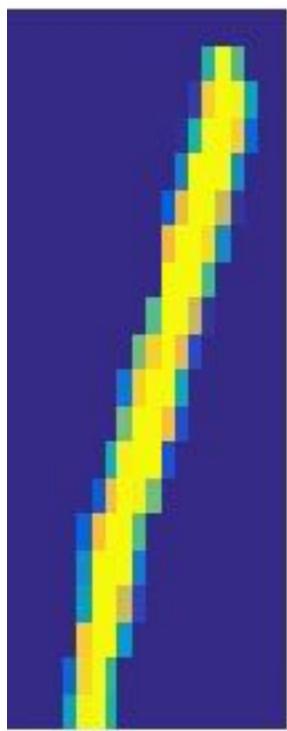
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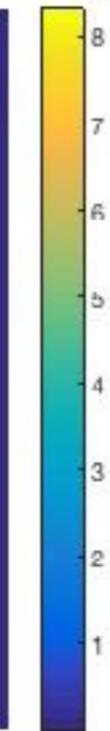
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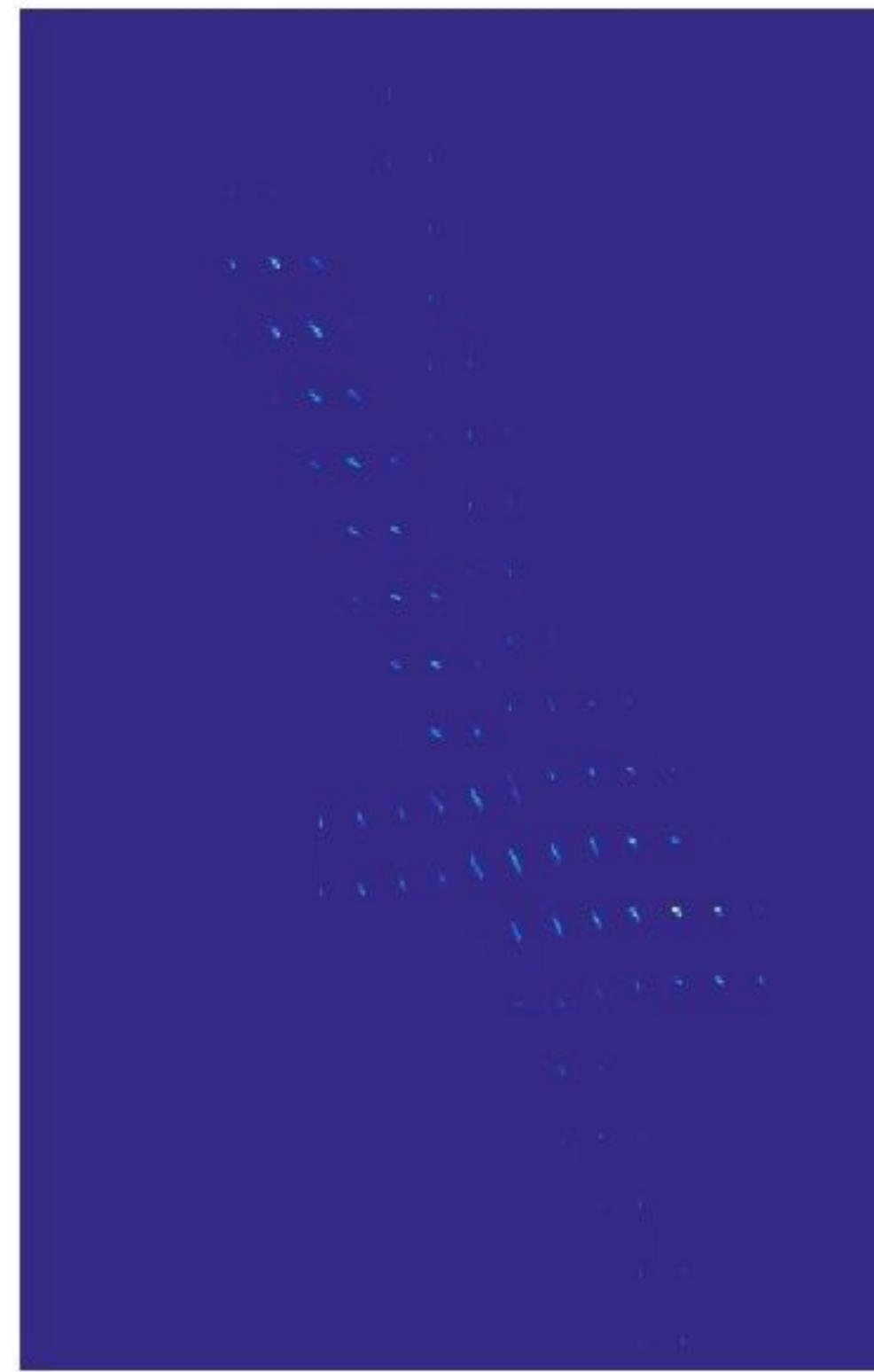


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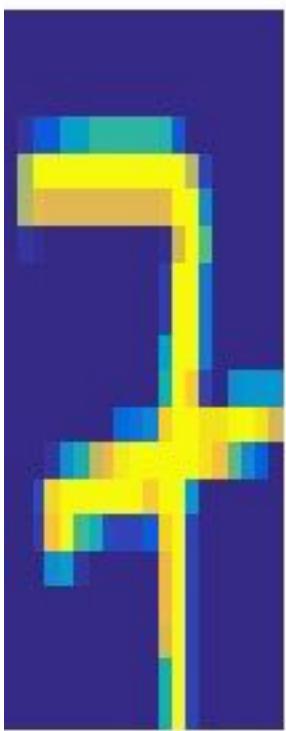
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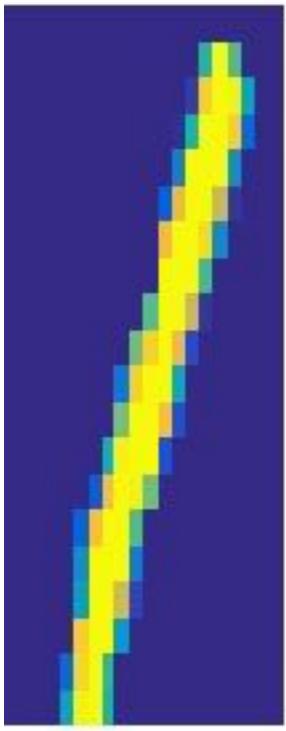
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$$u_4 \leftarrow a / Kv_4$$



b

$$Kv_4$$

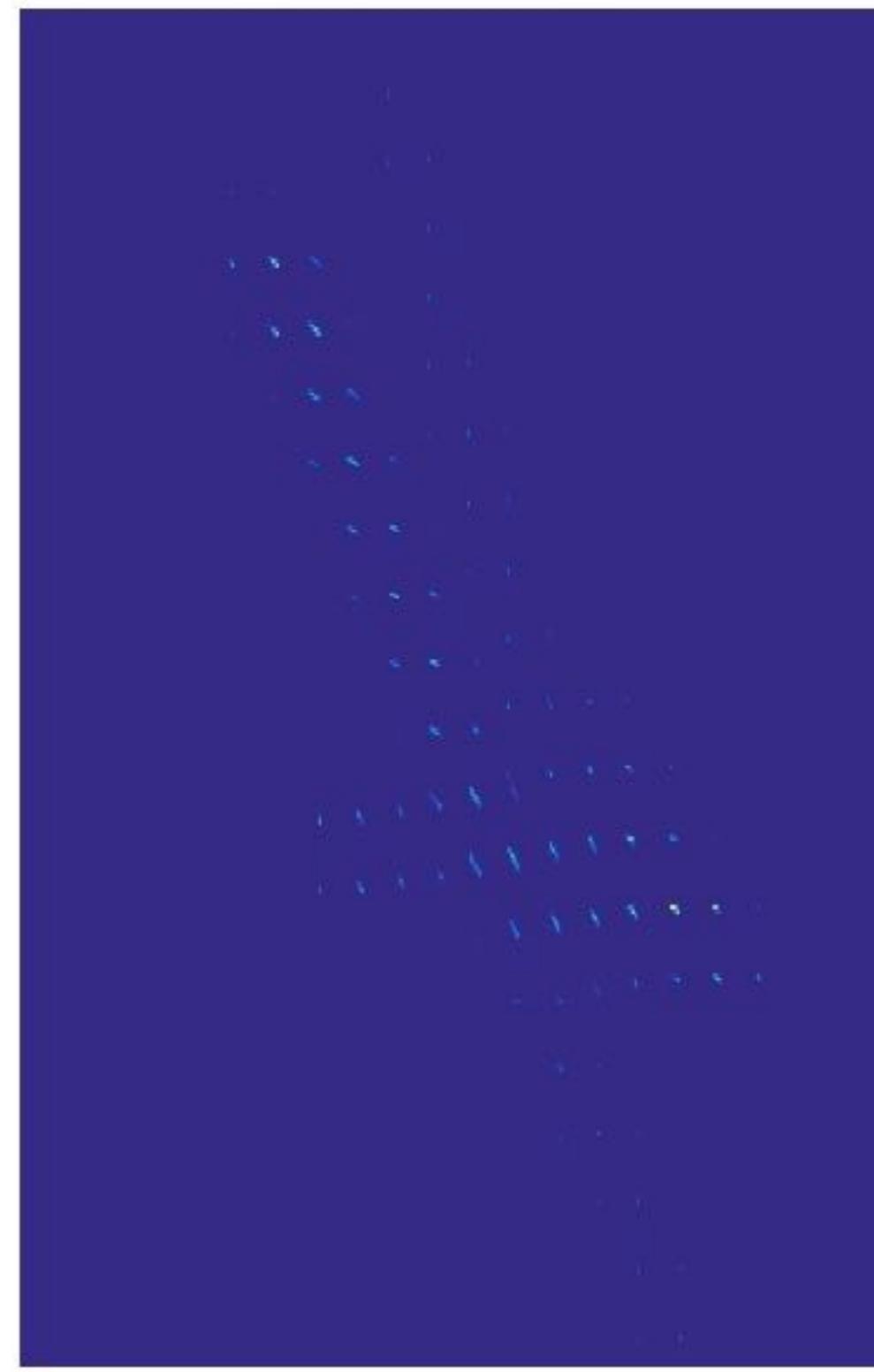


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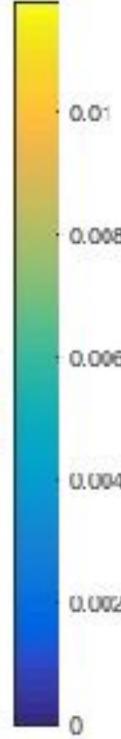
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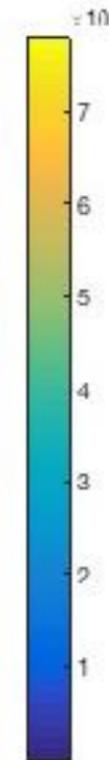


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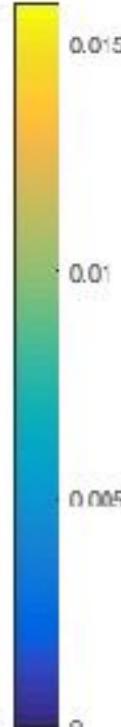
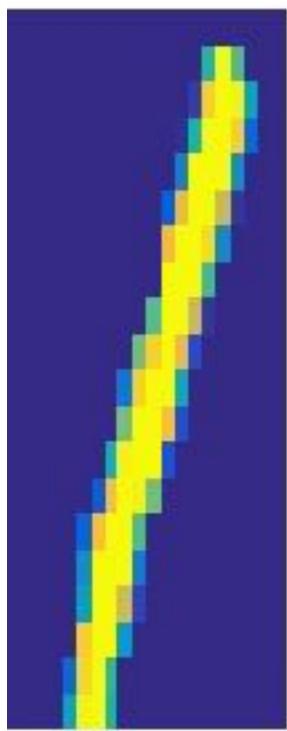
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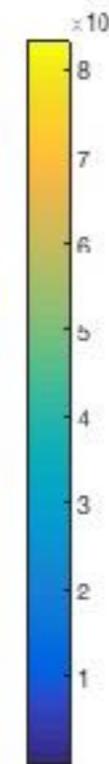
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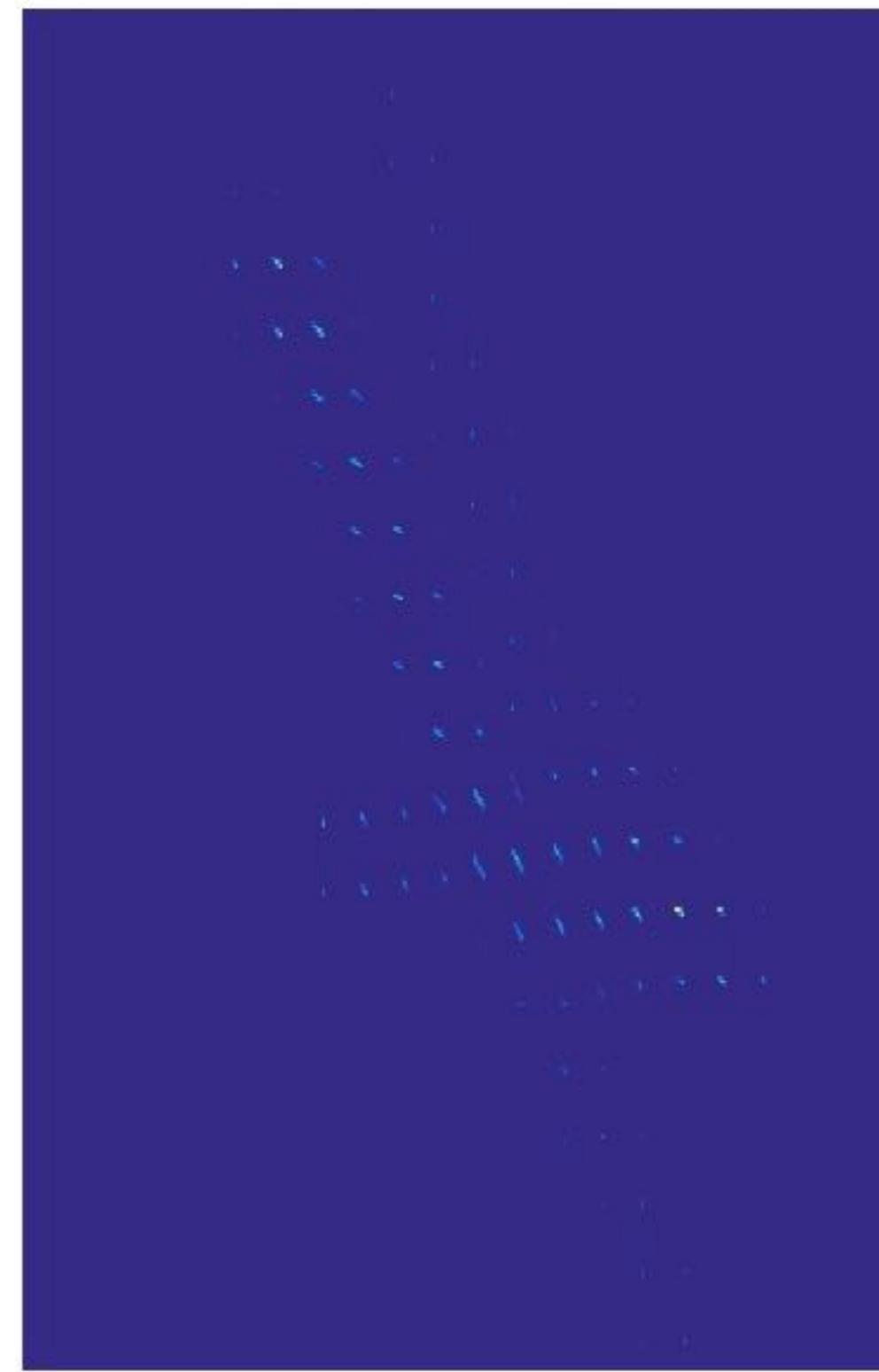


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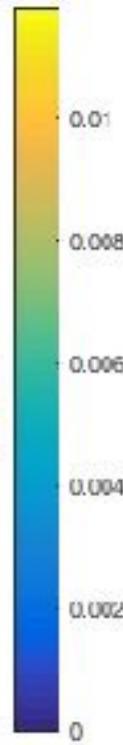
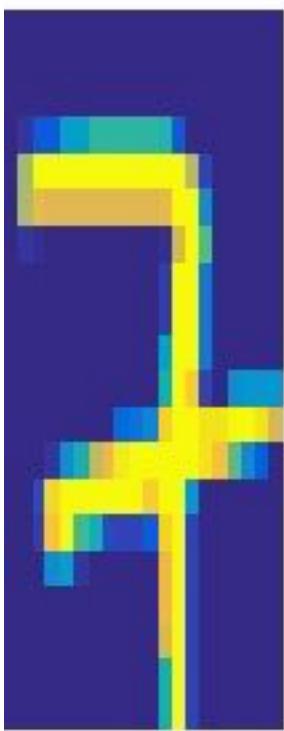
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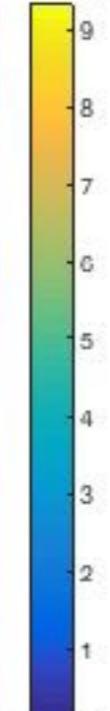
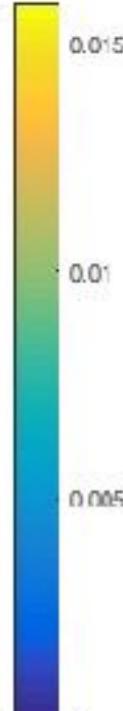
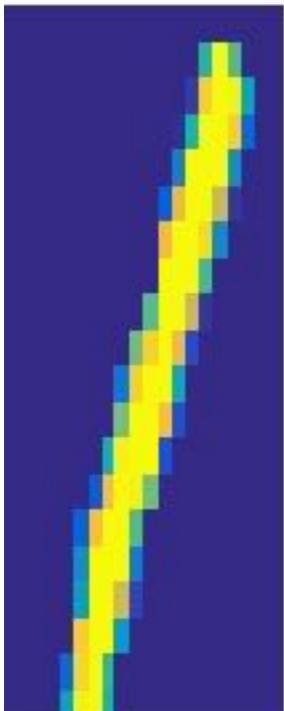
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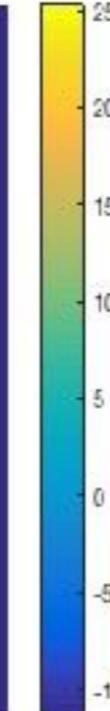
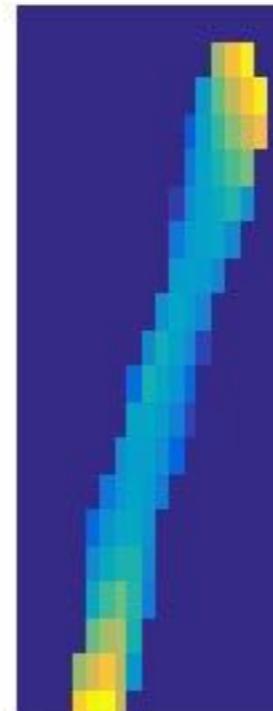


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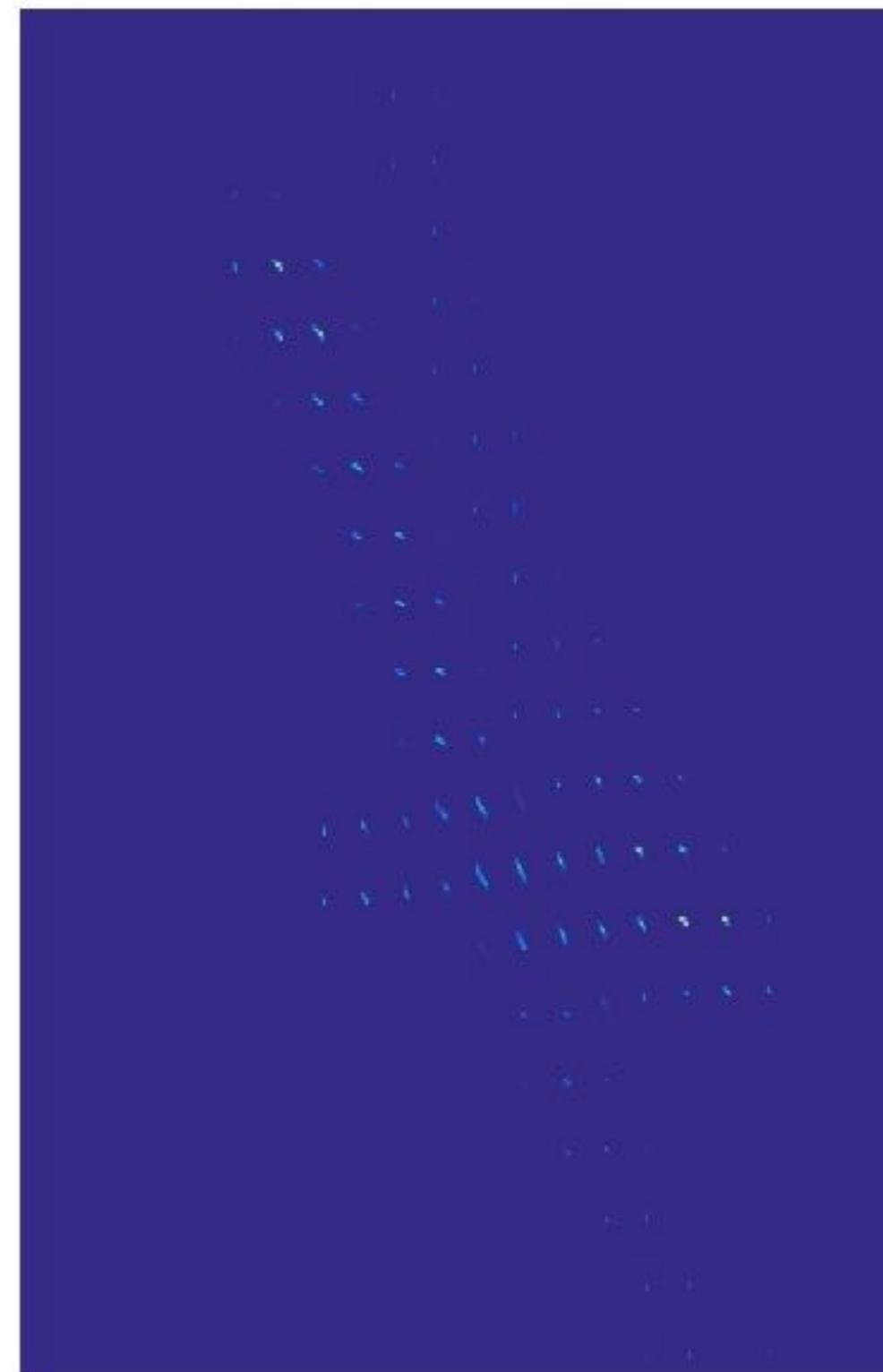


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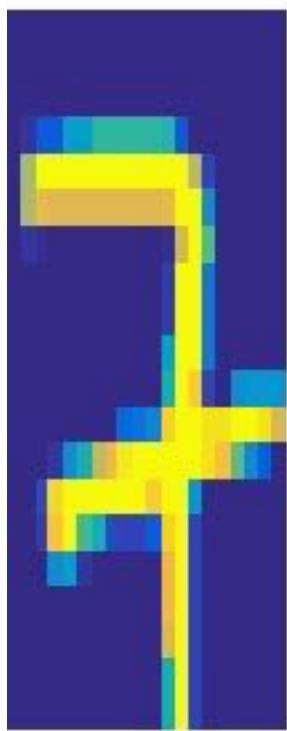
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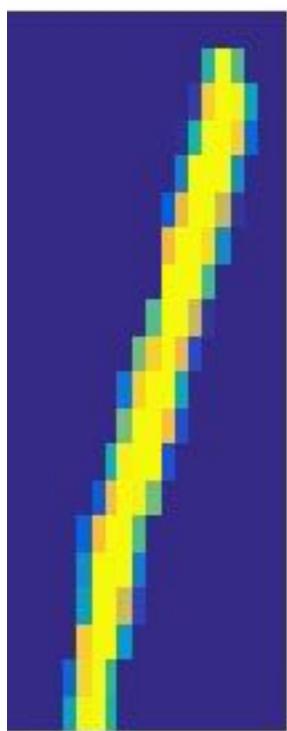
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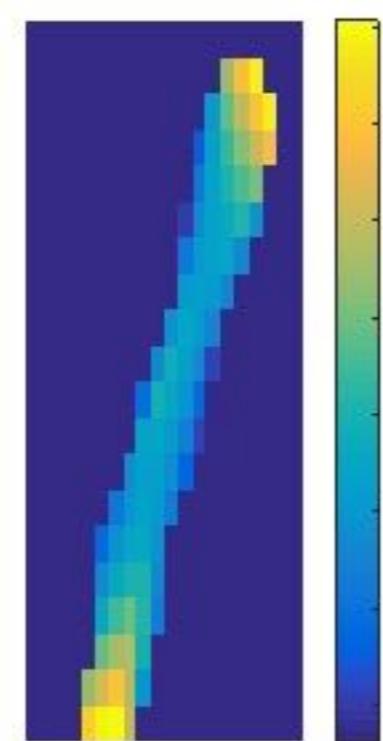
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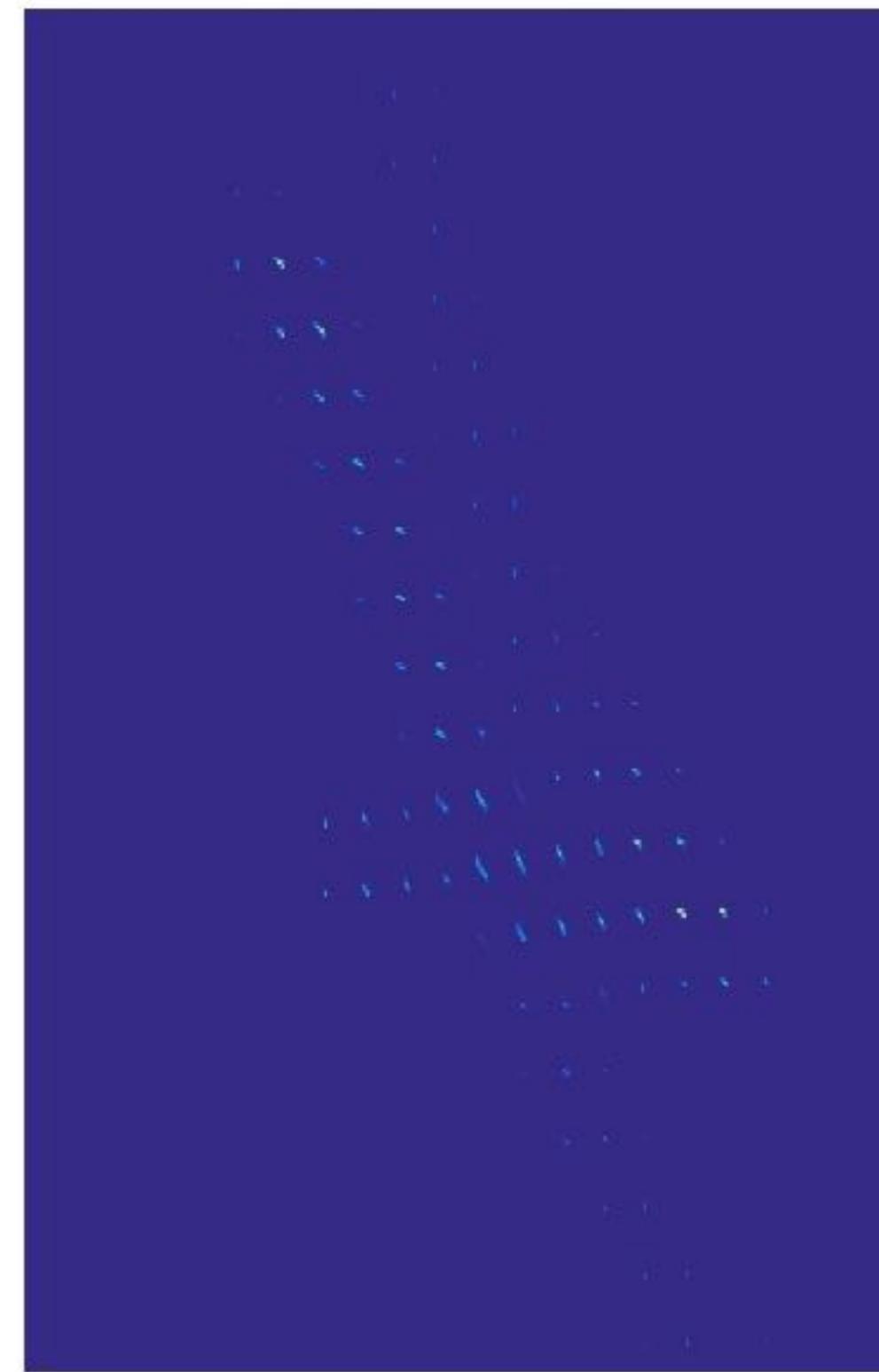


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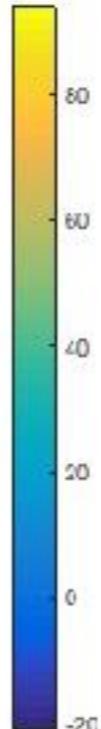
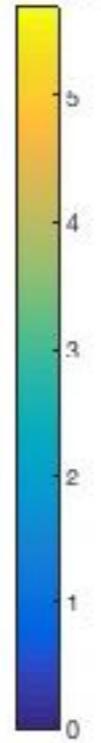
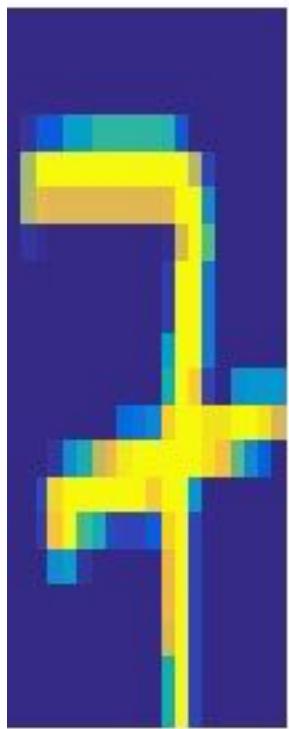
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$$\log(u_5)$$

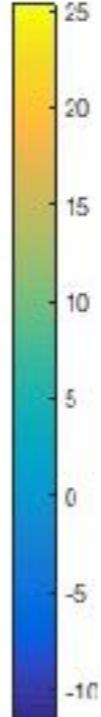
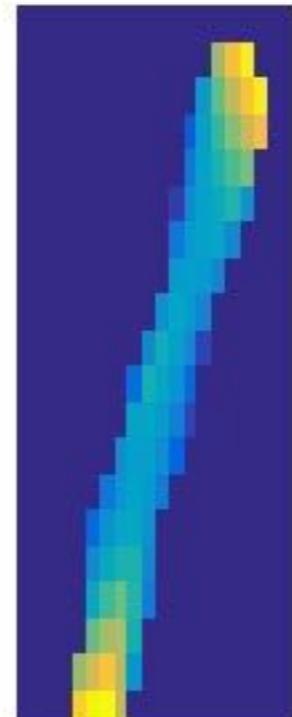
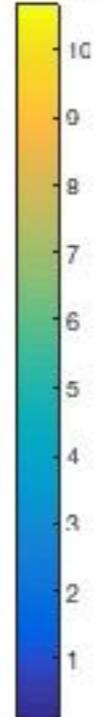
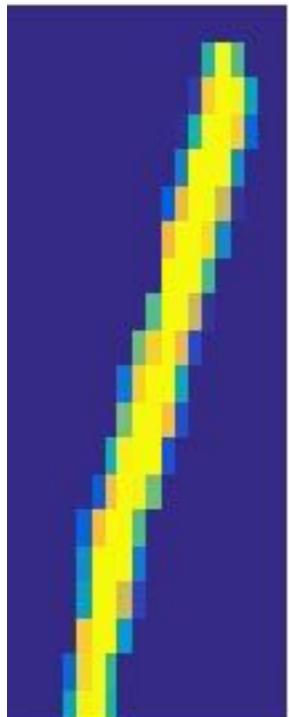
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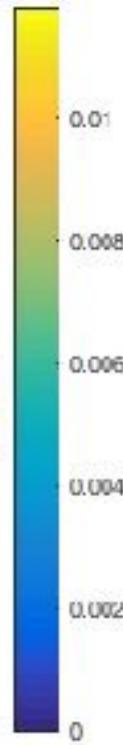
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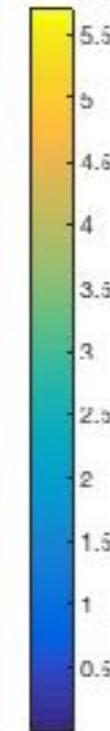


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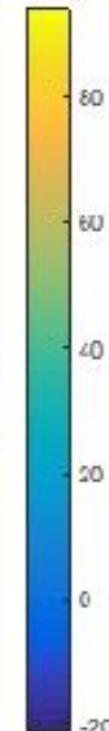
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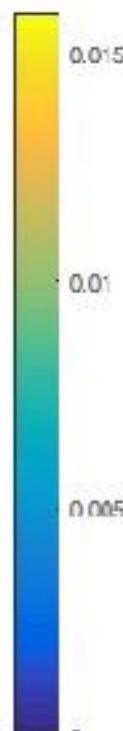
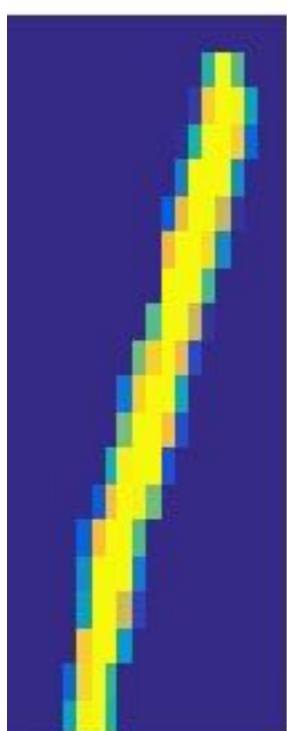
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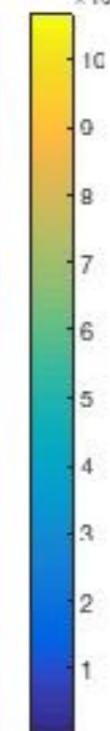
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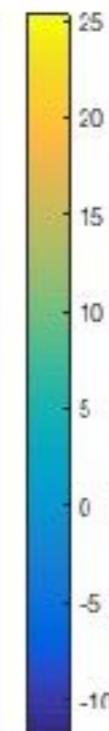
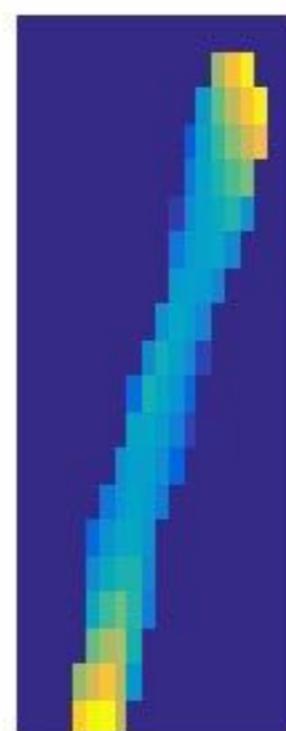
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*log(v*₅)



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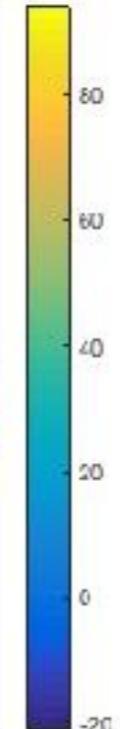
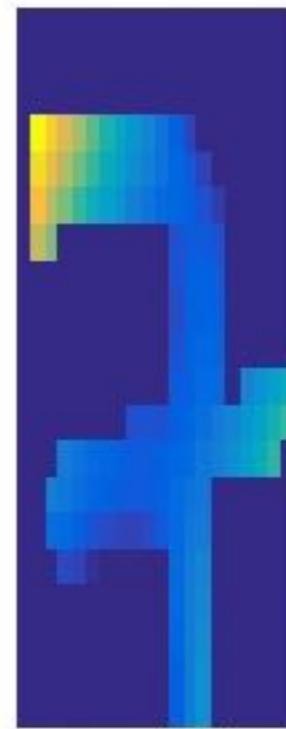
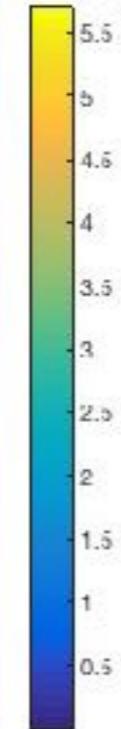
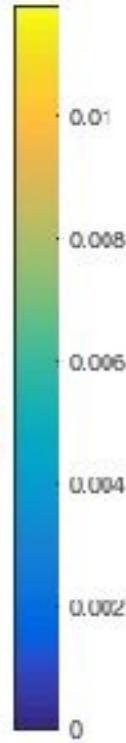
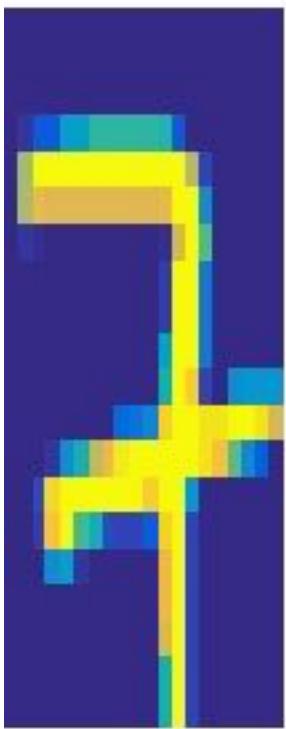
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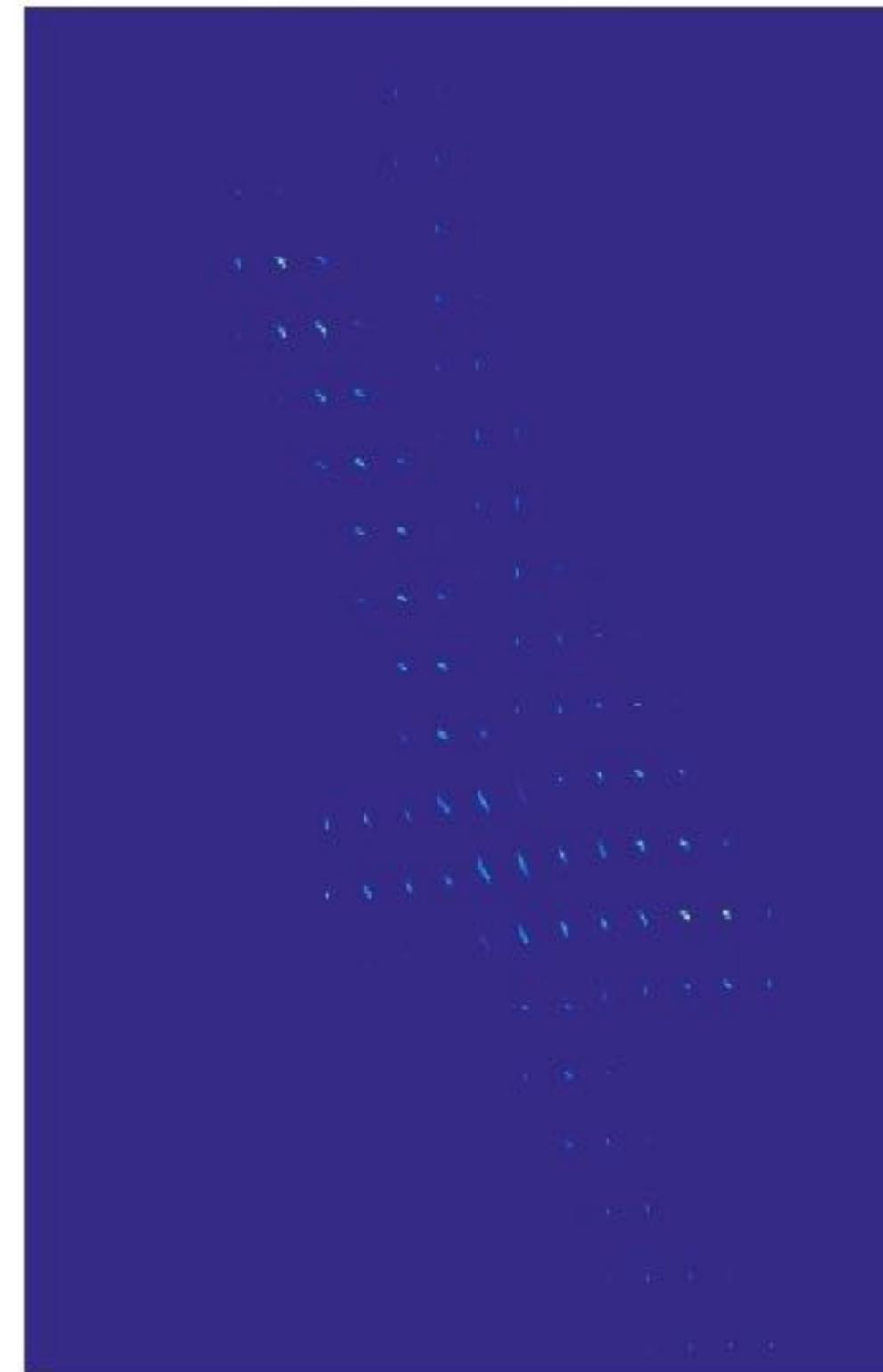
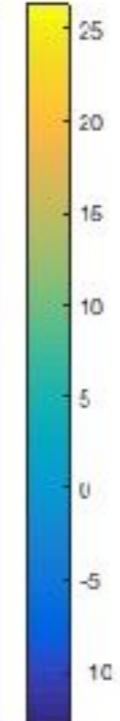
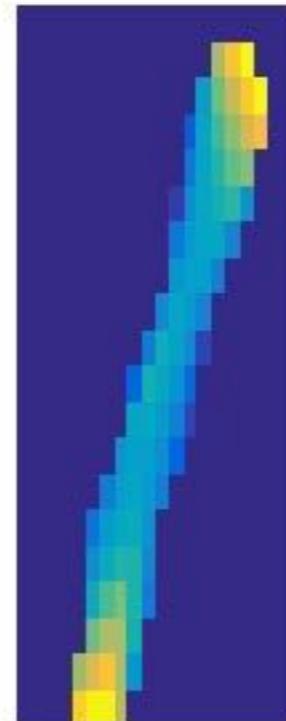
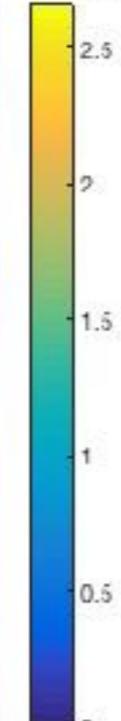
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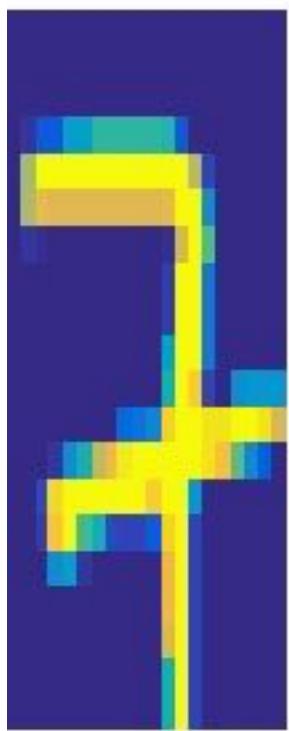


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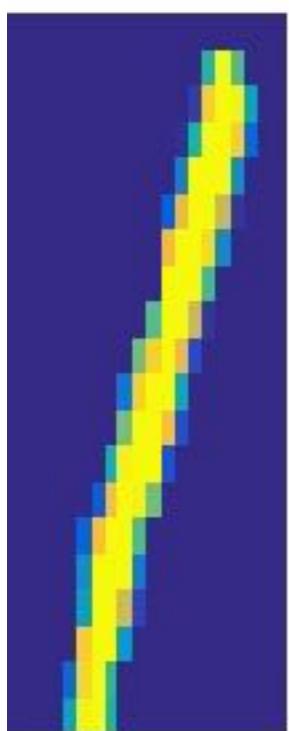


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a



b



Ku_5



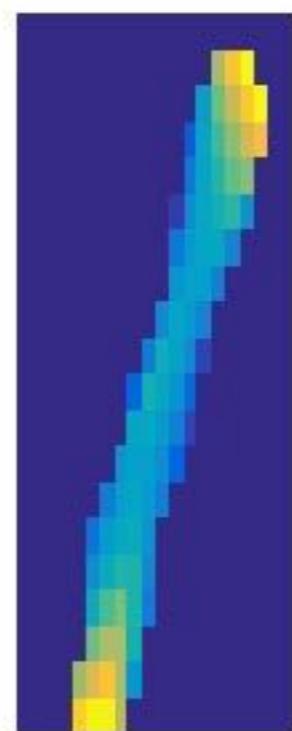
Kv_6



$\log(u_5)$

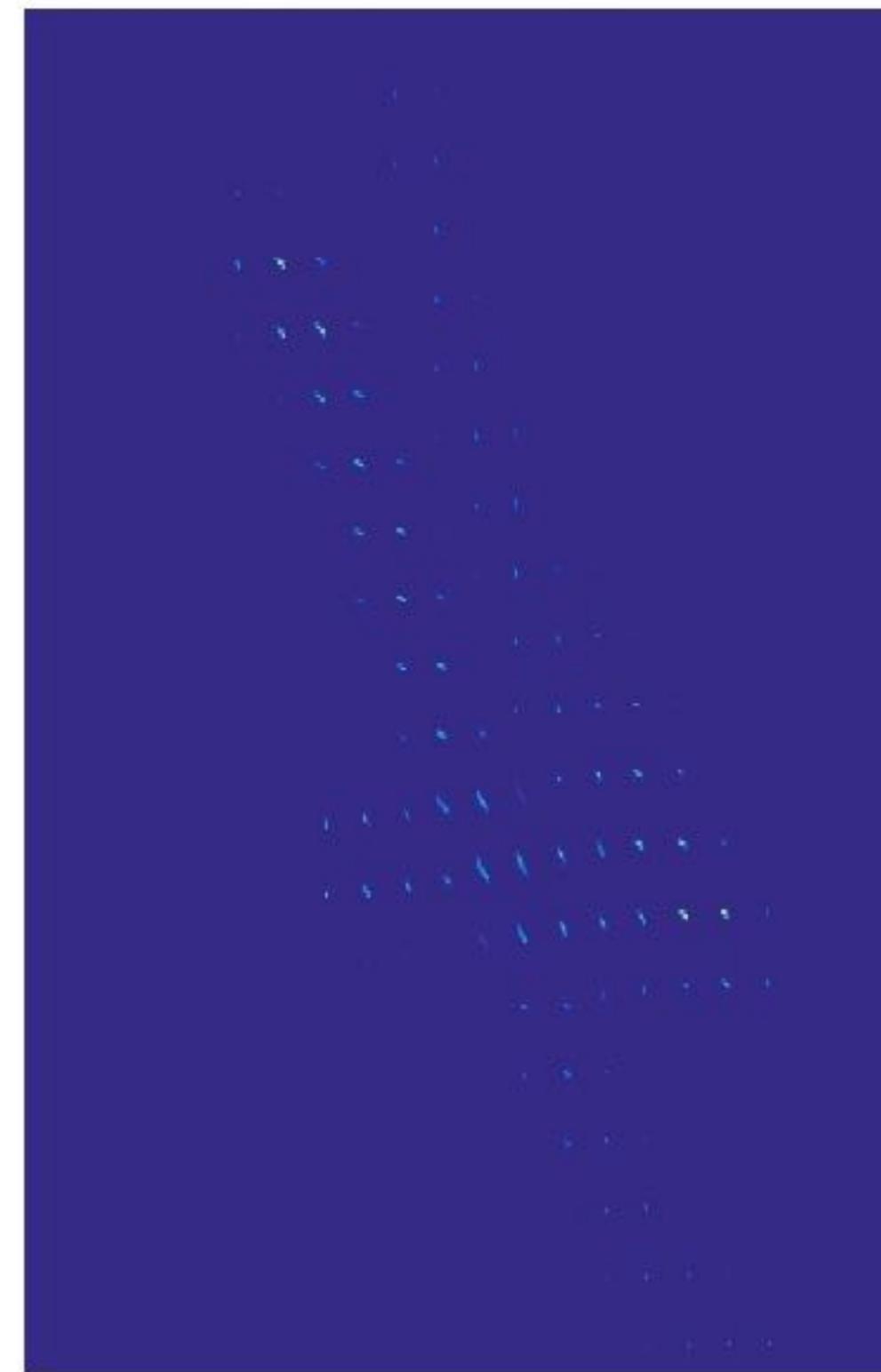


$\log(v_6)$



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$$\|P1 - a\|_1 + \|P^T 1 - b\|_1 = 0.50974$$



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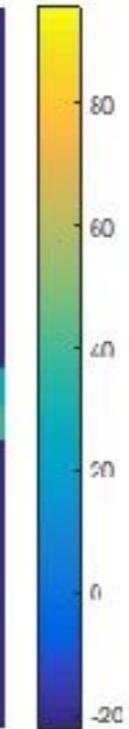
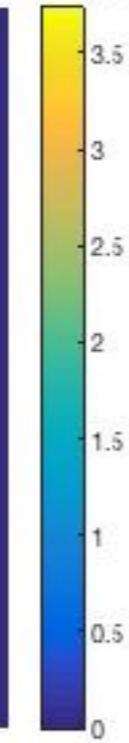
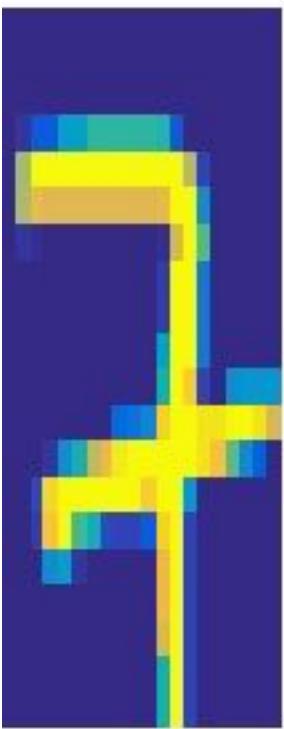
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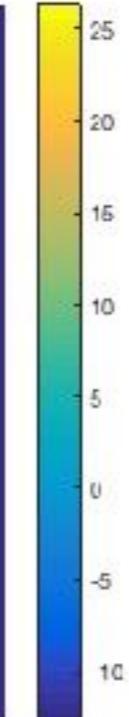
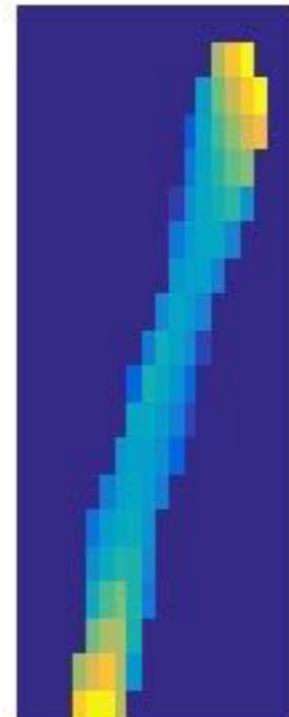
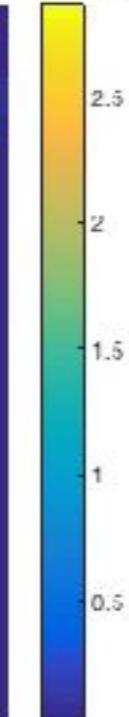
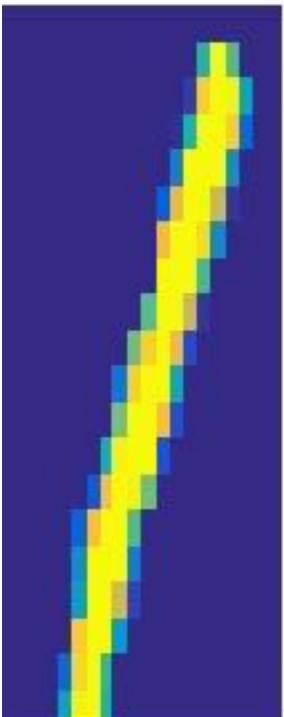
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b

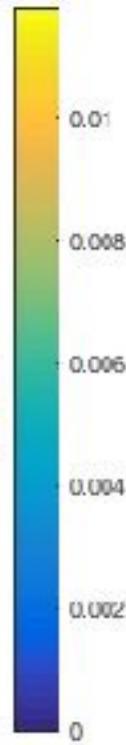
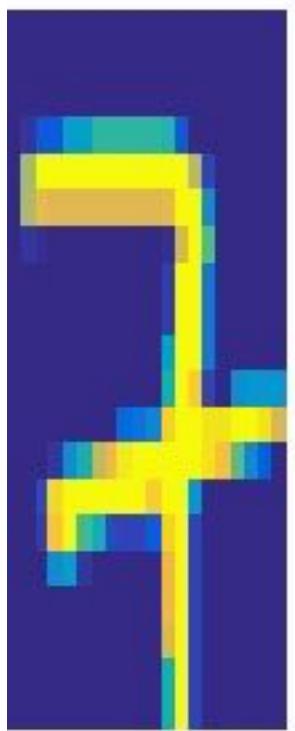
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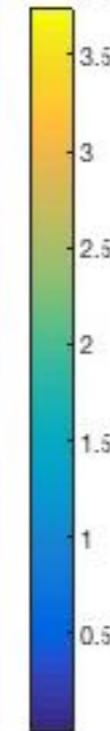


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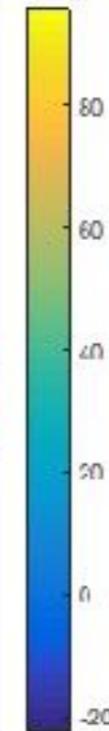
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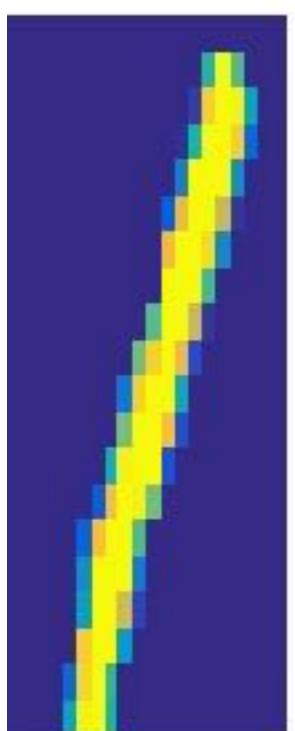
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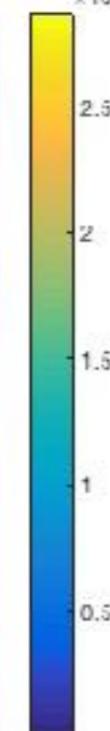
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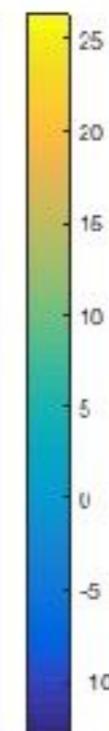
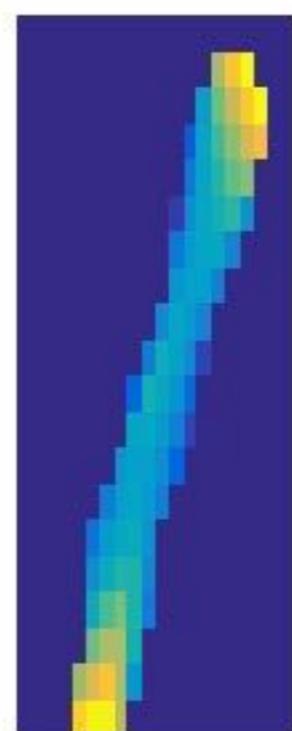
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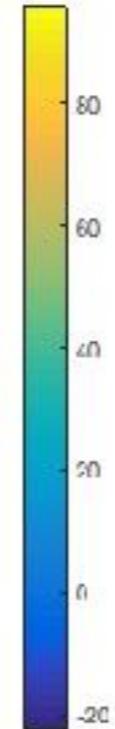
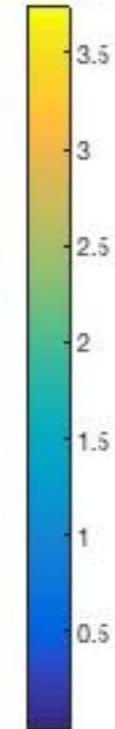
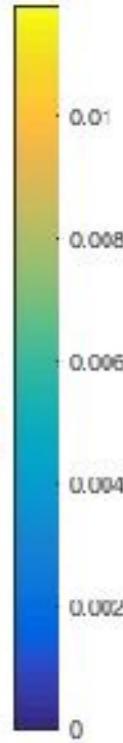
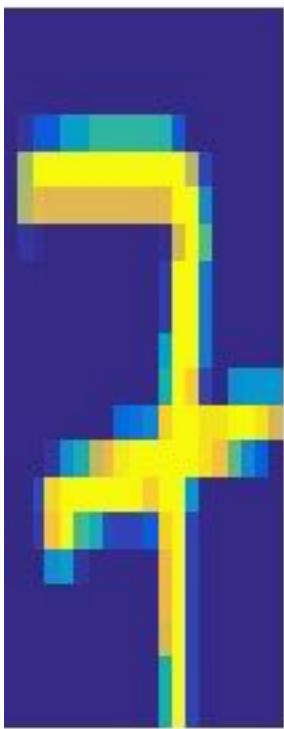
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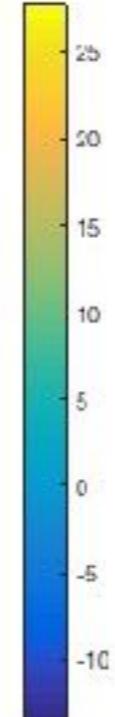
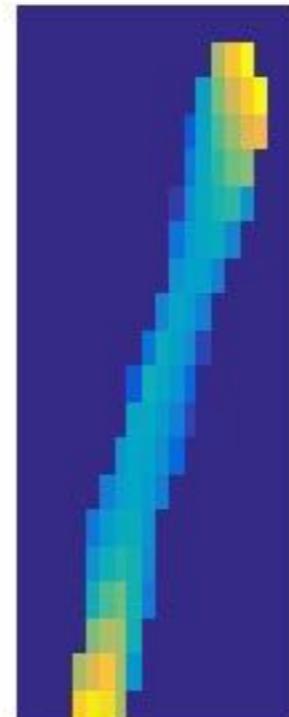
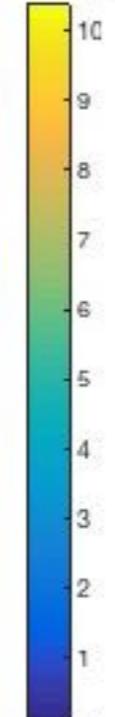
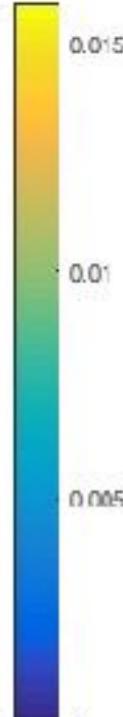
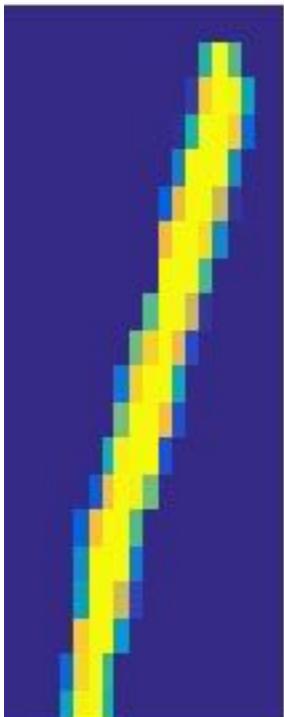
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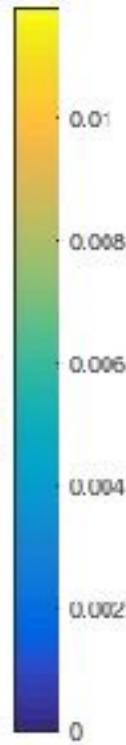
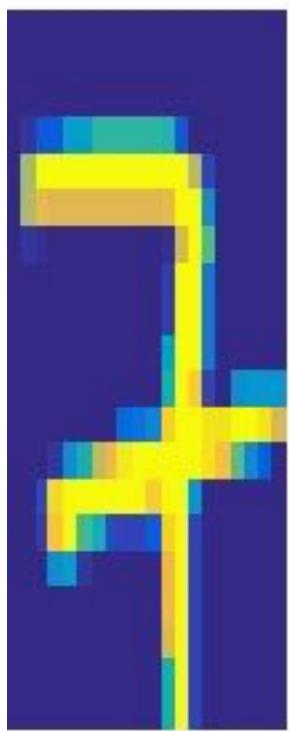
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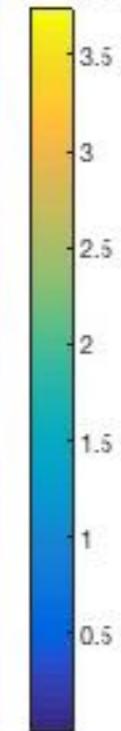


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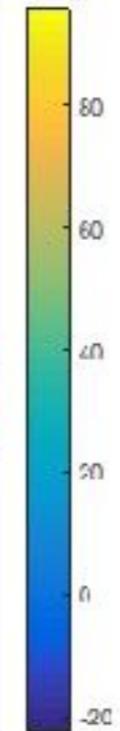
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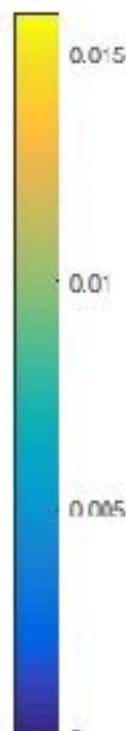
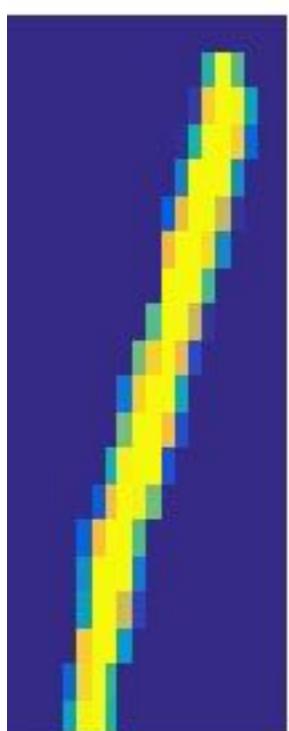
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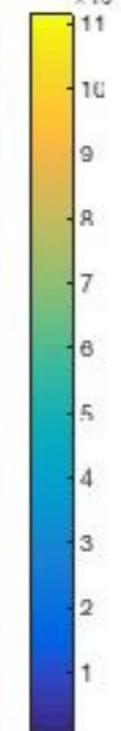
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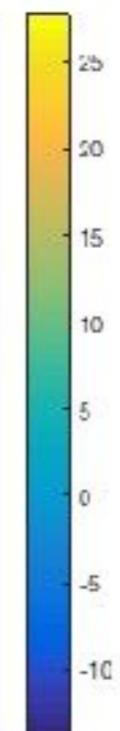
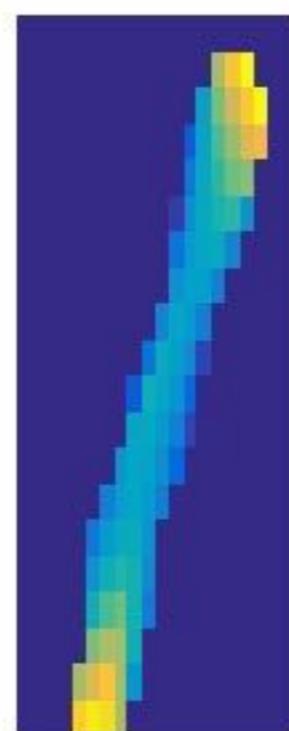
b



*Kv*₇



*log(v*₇)



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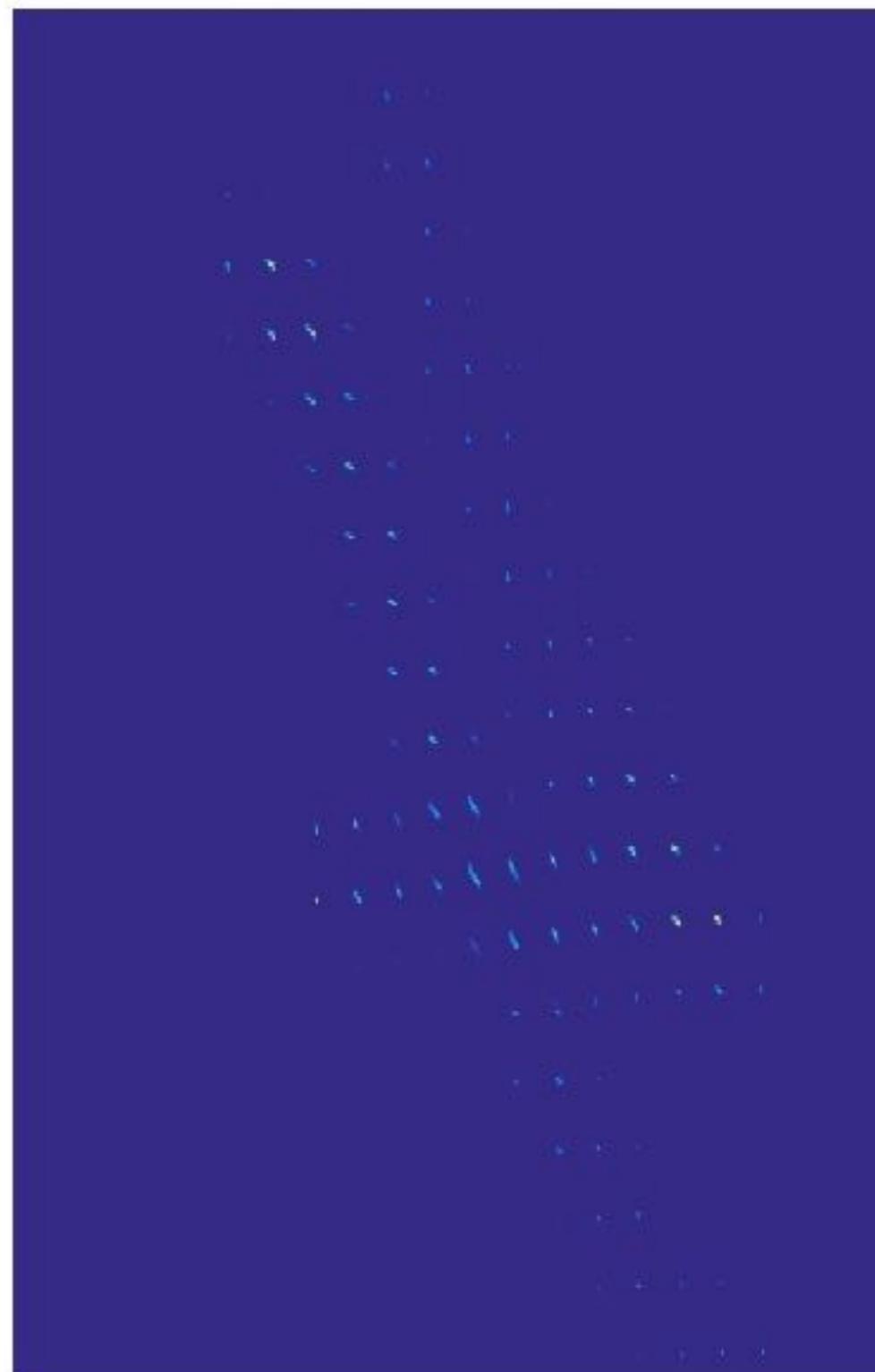
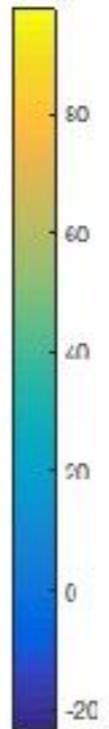
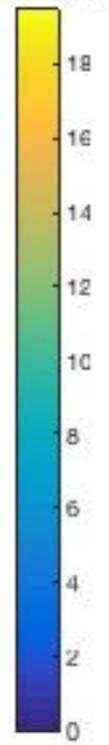
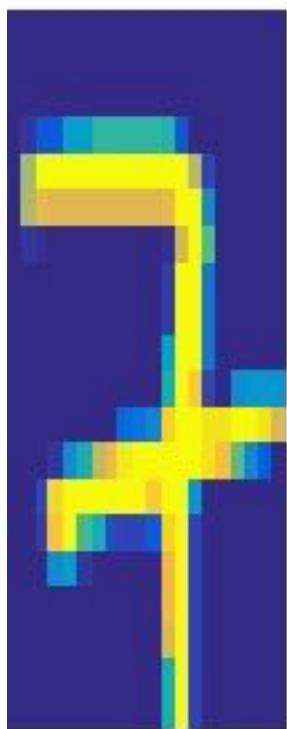
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$$\log(u_7)$$

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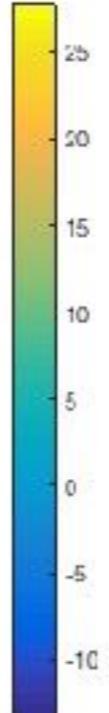
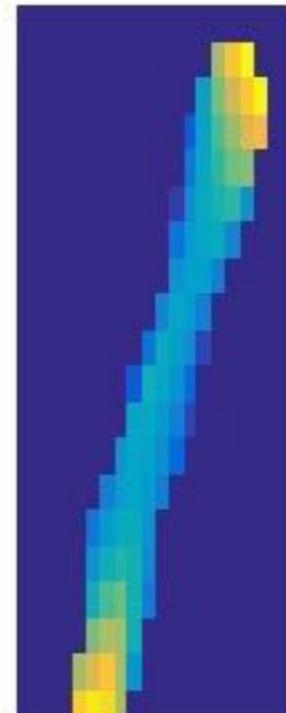
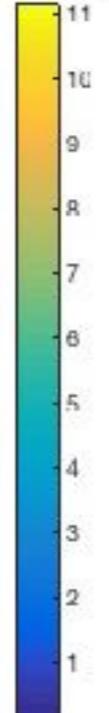
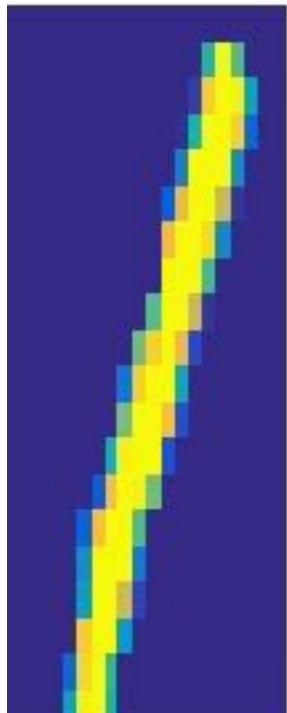
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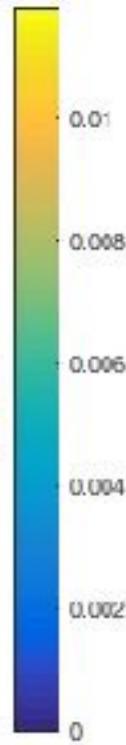
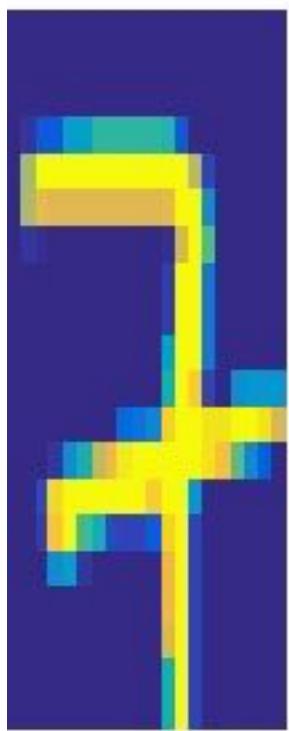
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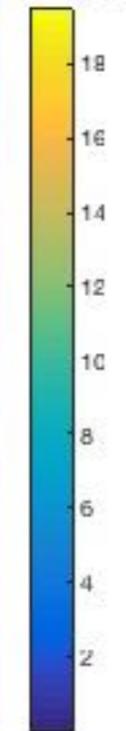


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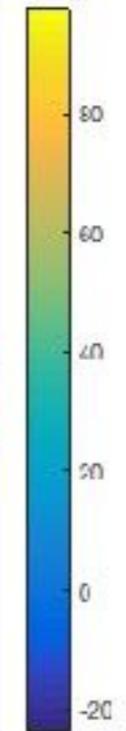
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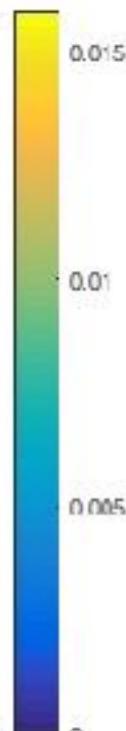
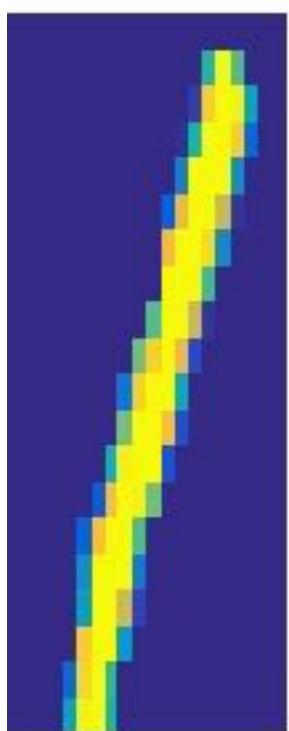
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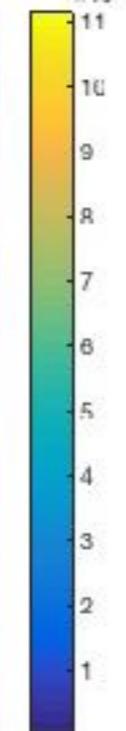
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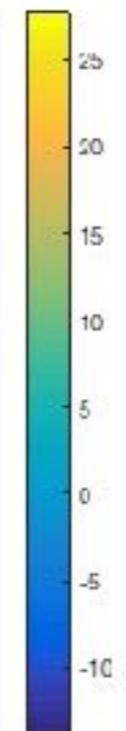
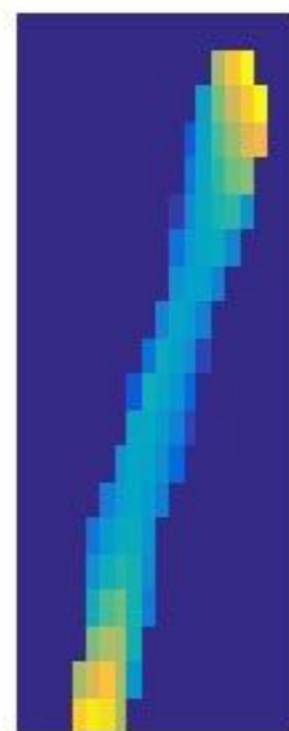
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Kv_7



$\log(v_7)$



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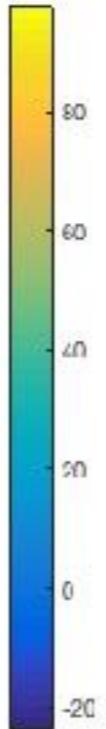
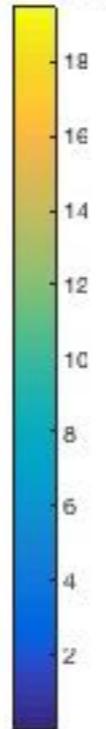
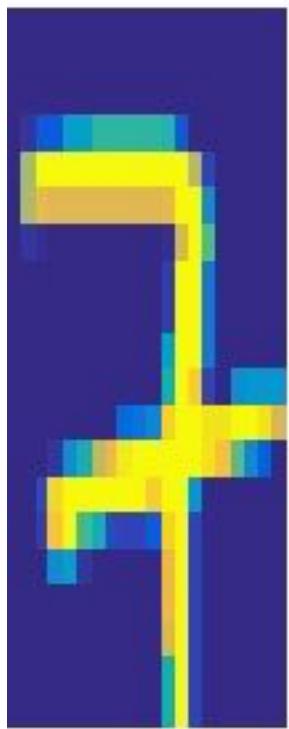
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*Ku*₇

log(*u*₇)

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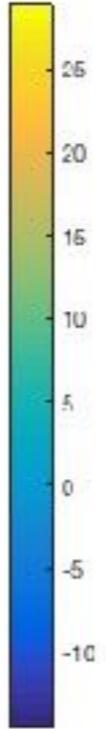
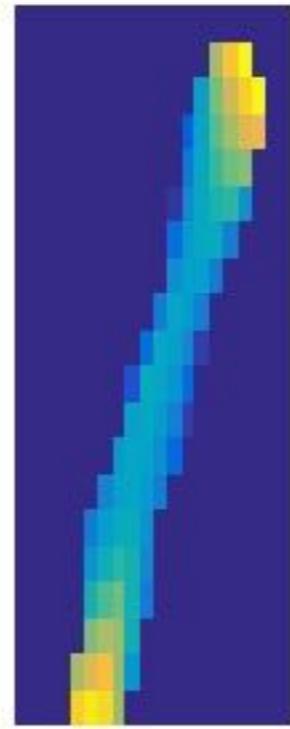
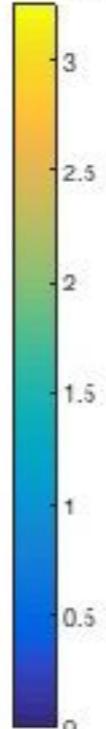
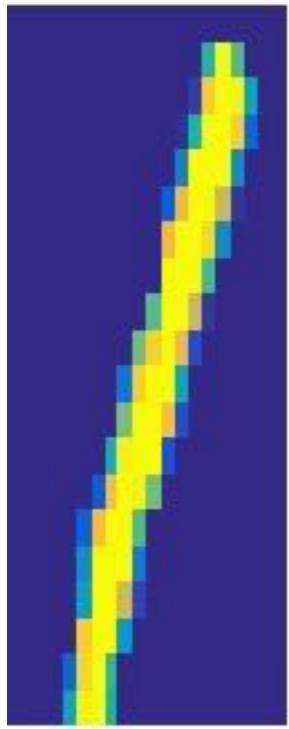
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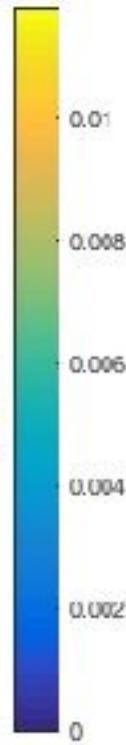
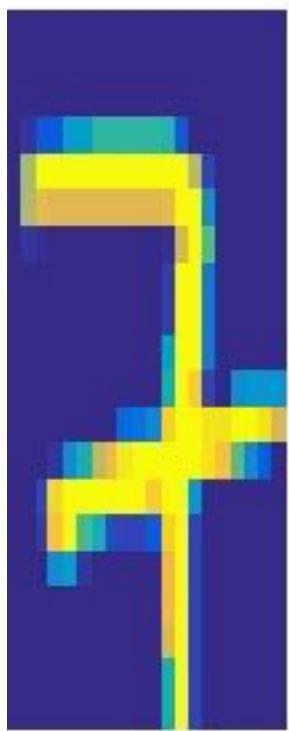
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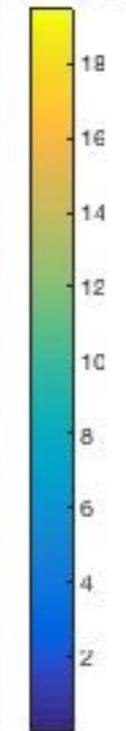


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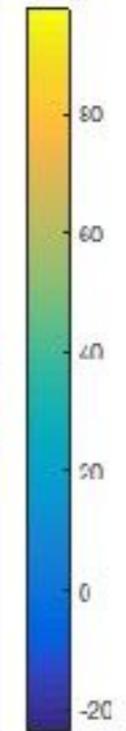
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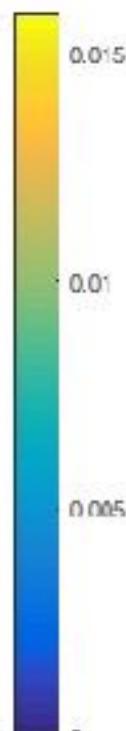
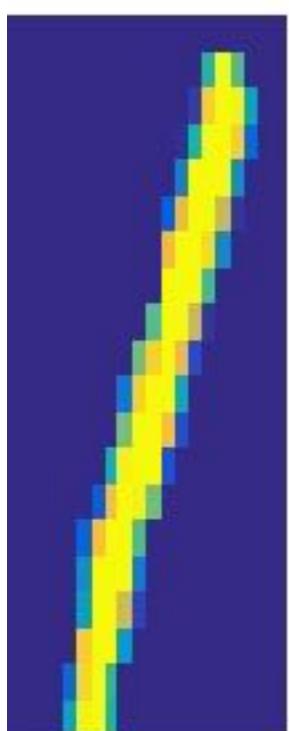
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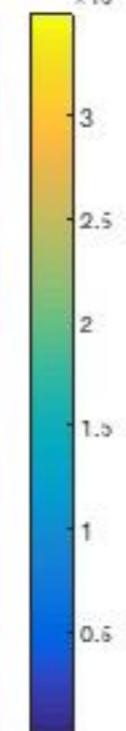
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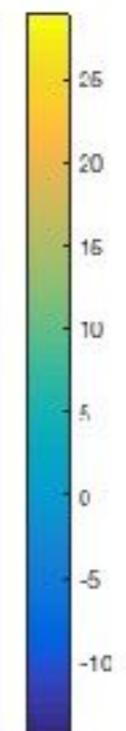
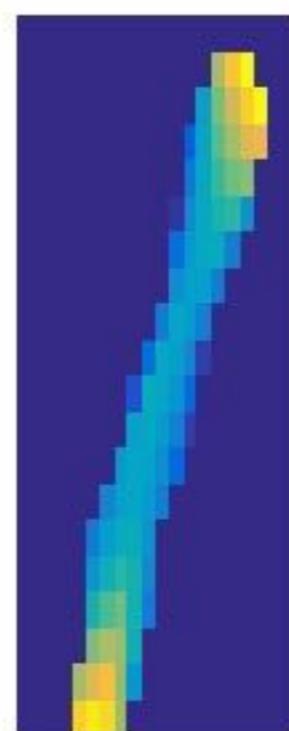
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Kv_8



$\log(v_8)$



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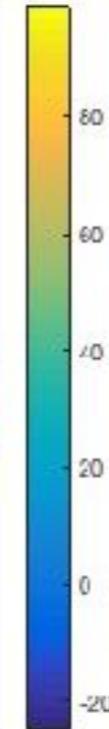
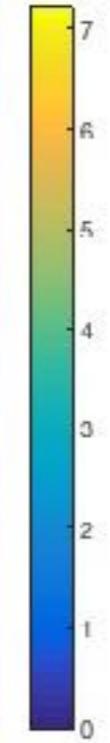
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$$\log(u_8)$$

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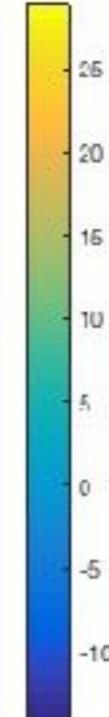
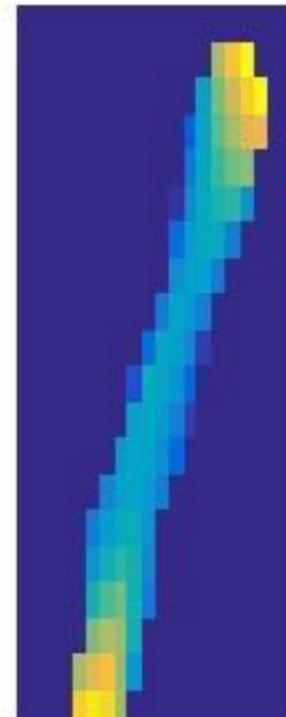
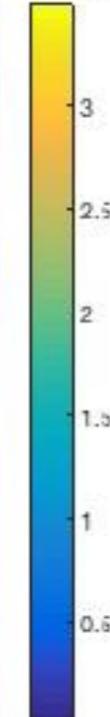
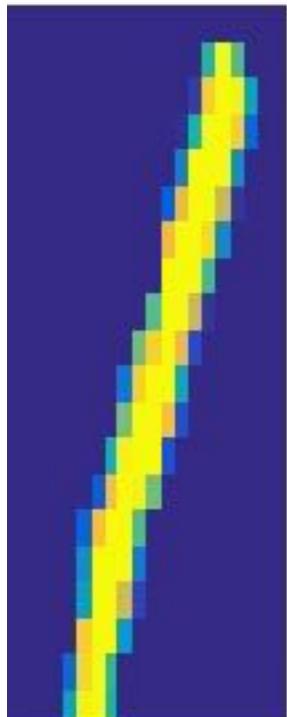
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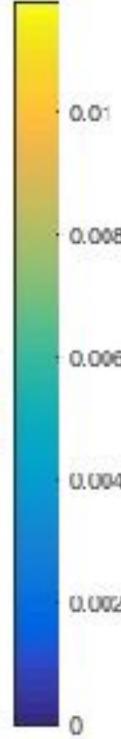
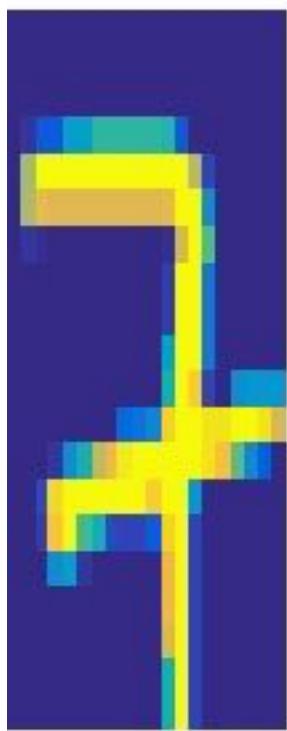
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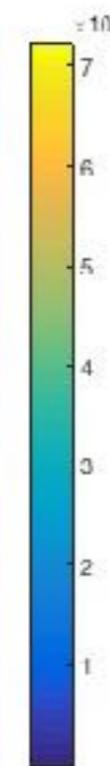


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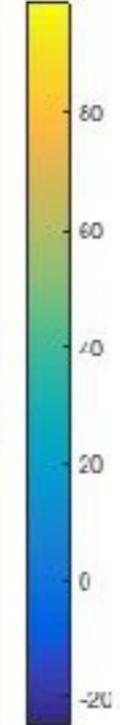
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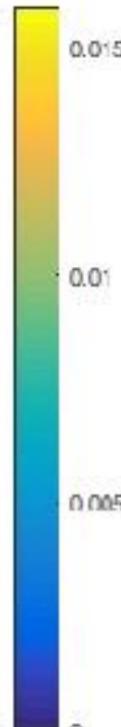
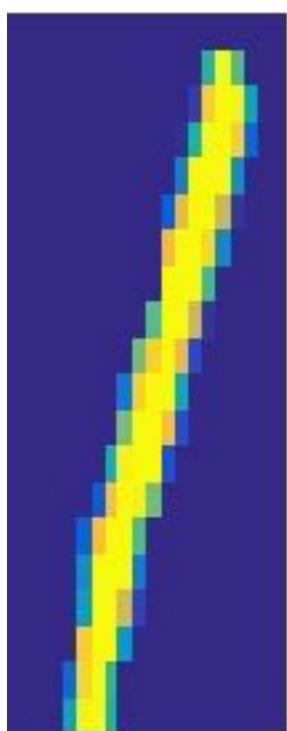
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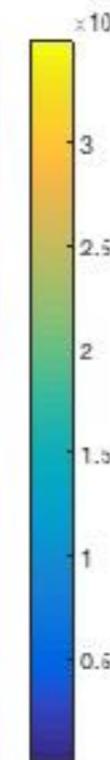
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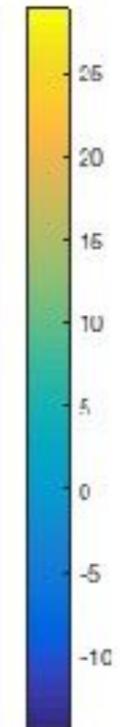
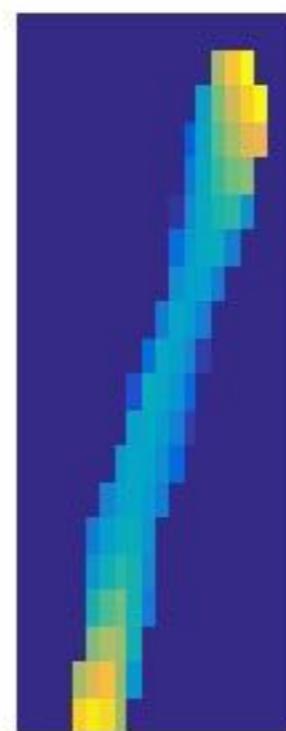
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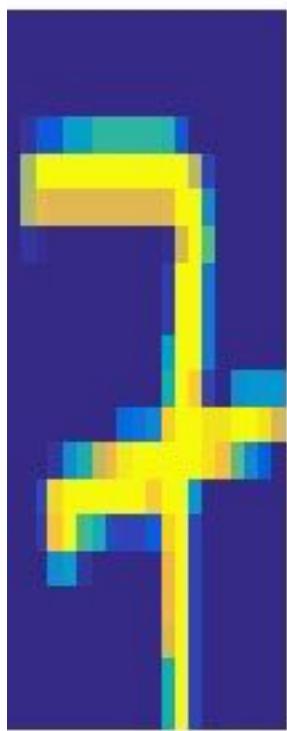


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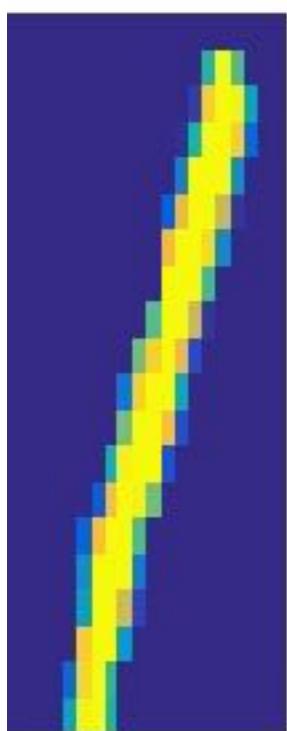


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a



b



Ku_8



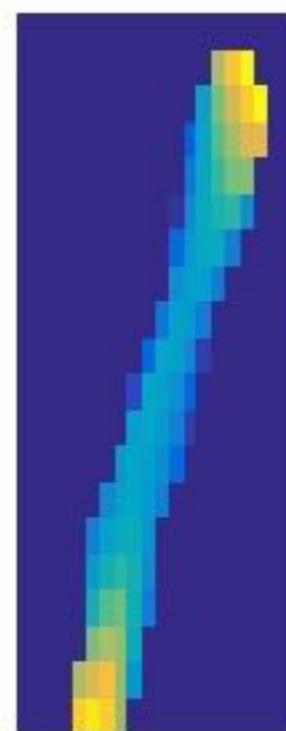
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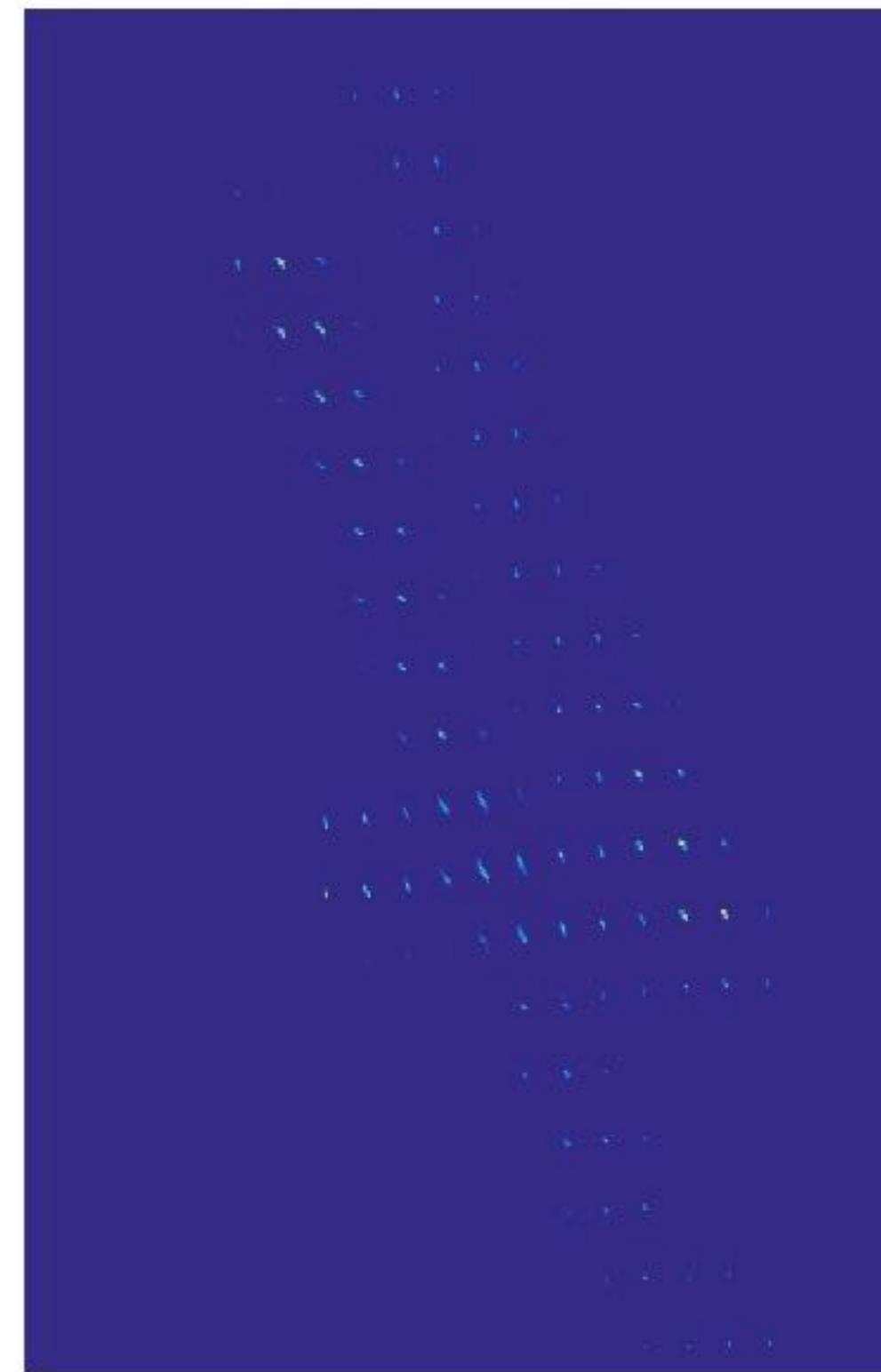


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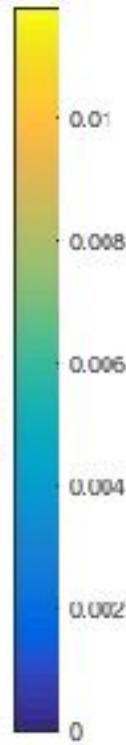
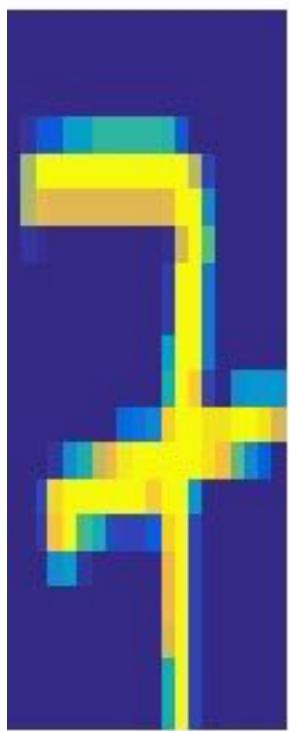
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$$\|P1 - a\|_1 + \|P^T 1 - b\|_1 = 0.35442$$

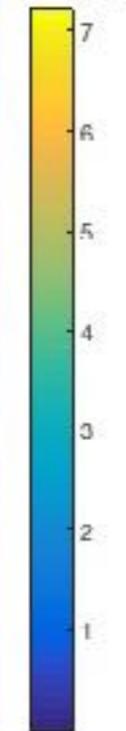


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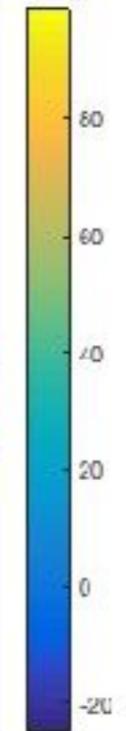
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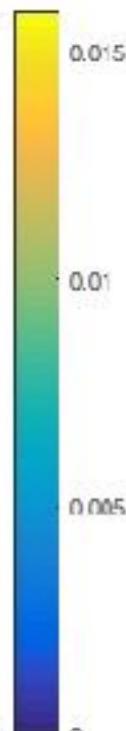
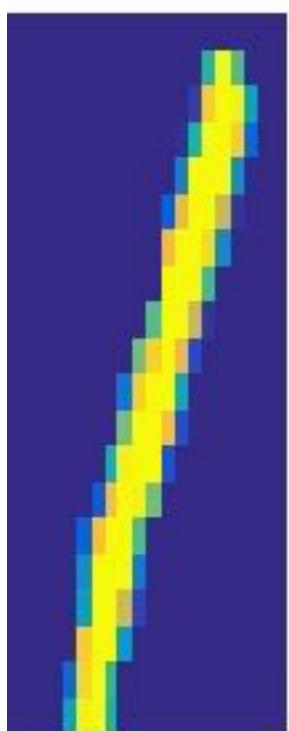
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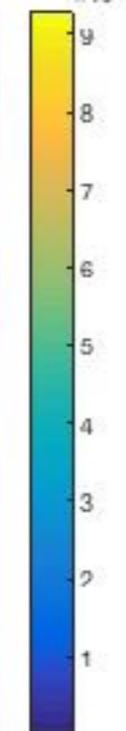
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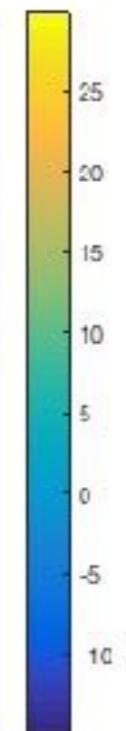
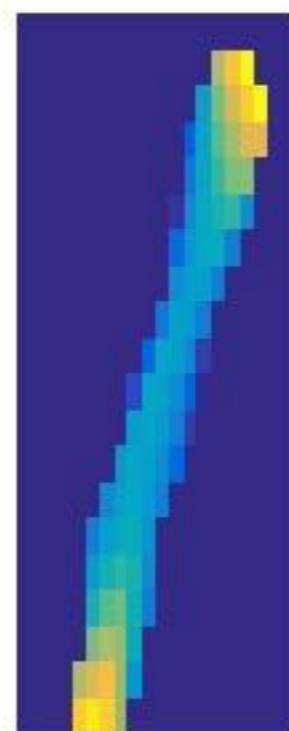
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Kv_9



$\log(v_9)$



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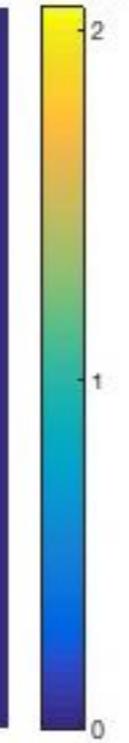
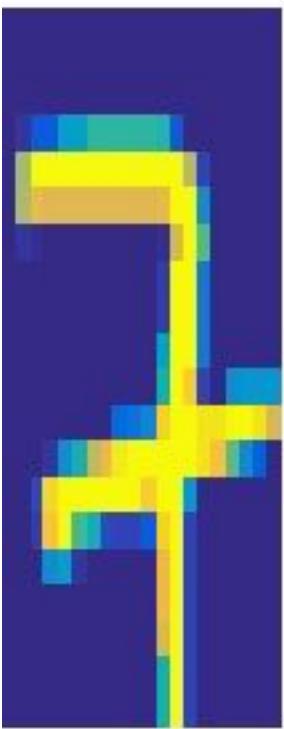
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$$u_9 \leftarrow a / Kv_9$$

$$\log(u_9)$$

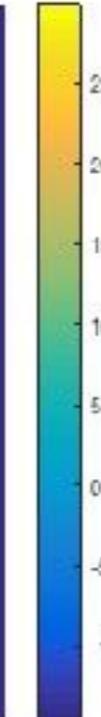
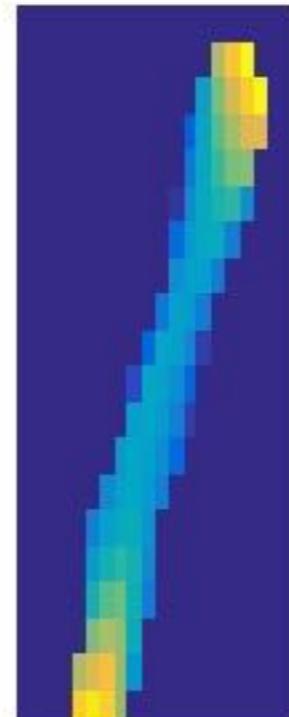
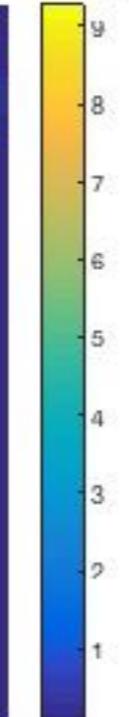
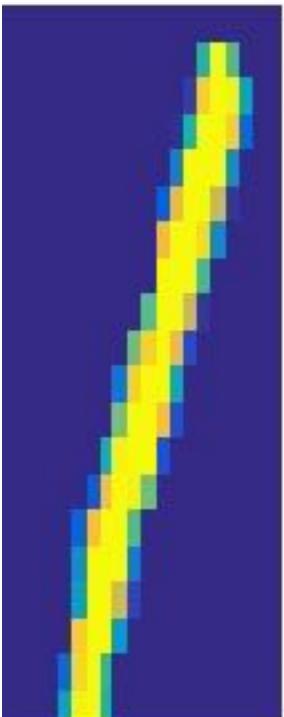
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Kv9

$\log(v_9)$



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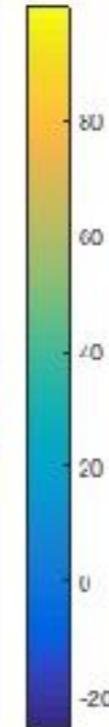
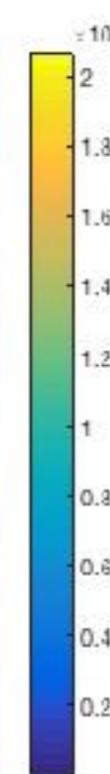
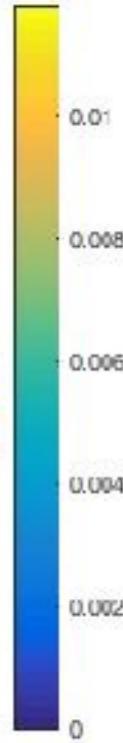
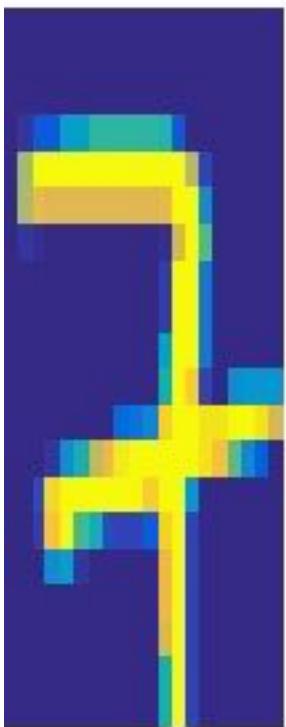
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*Ku*₉

log(*u*₉)

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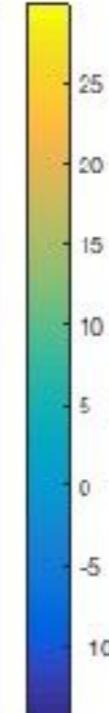
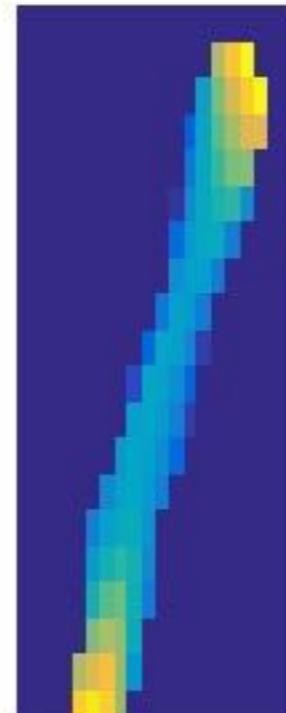
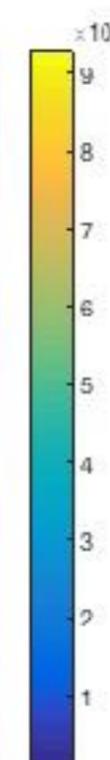
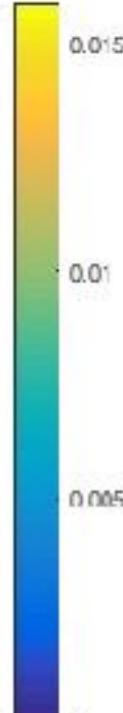
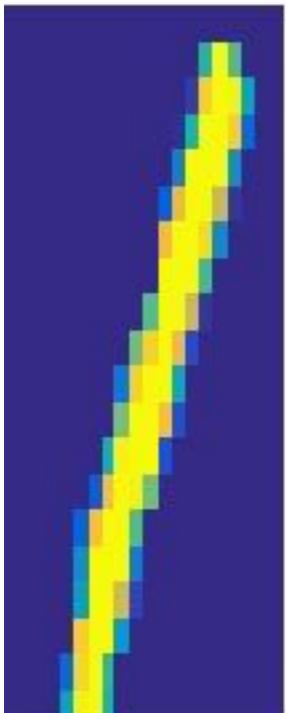
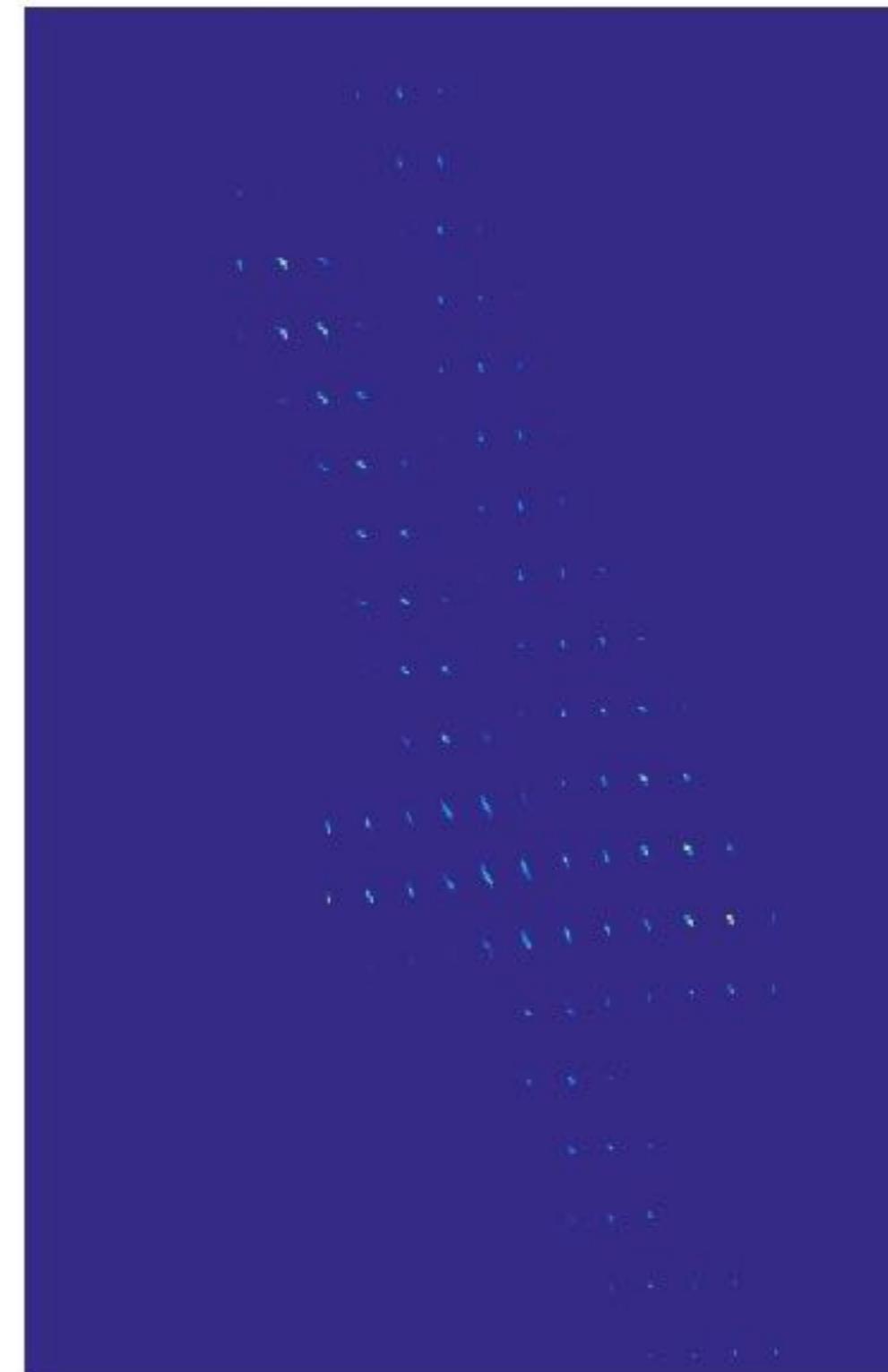
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b

*Kv*₉

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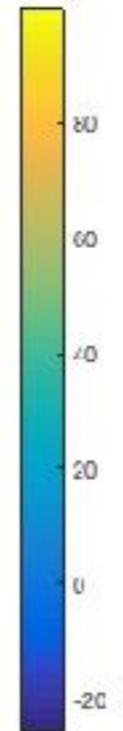
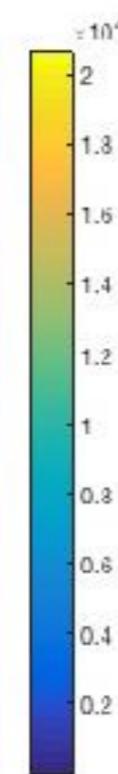
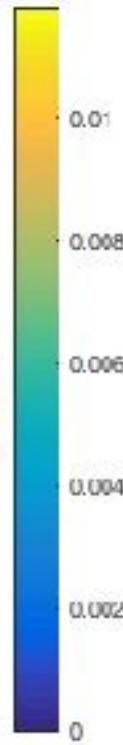
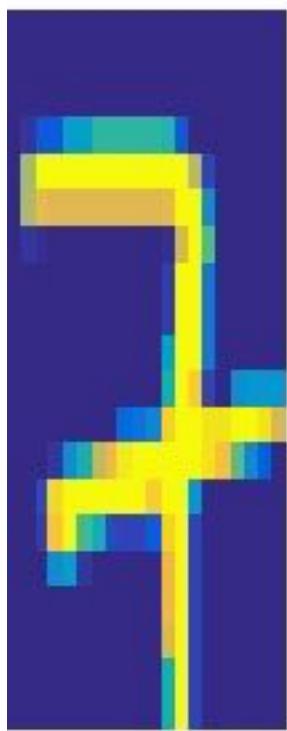
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Ku_9

$\log(u_9)$

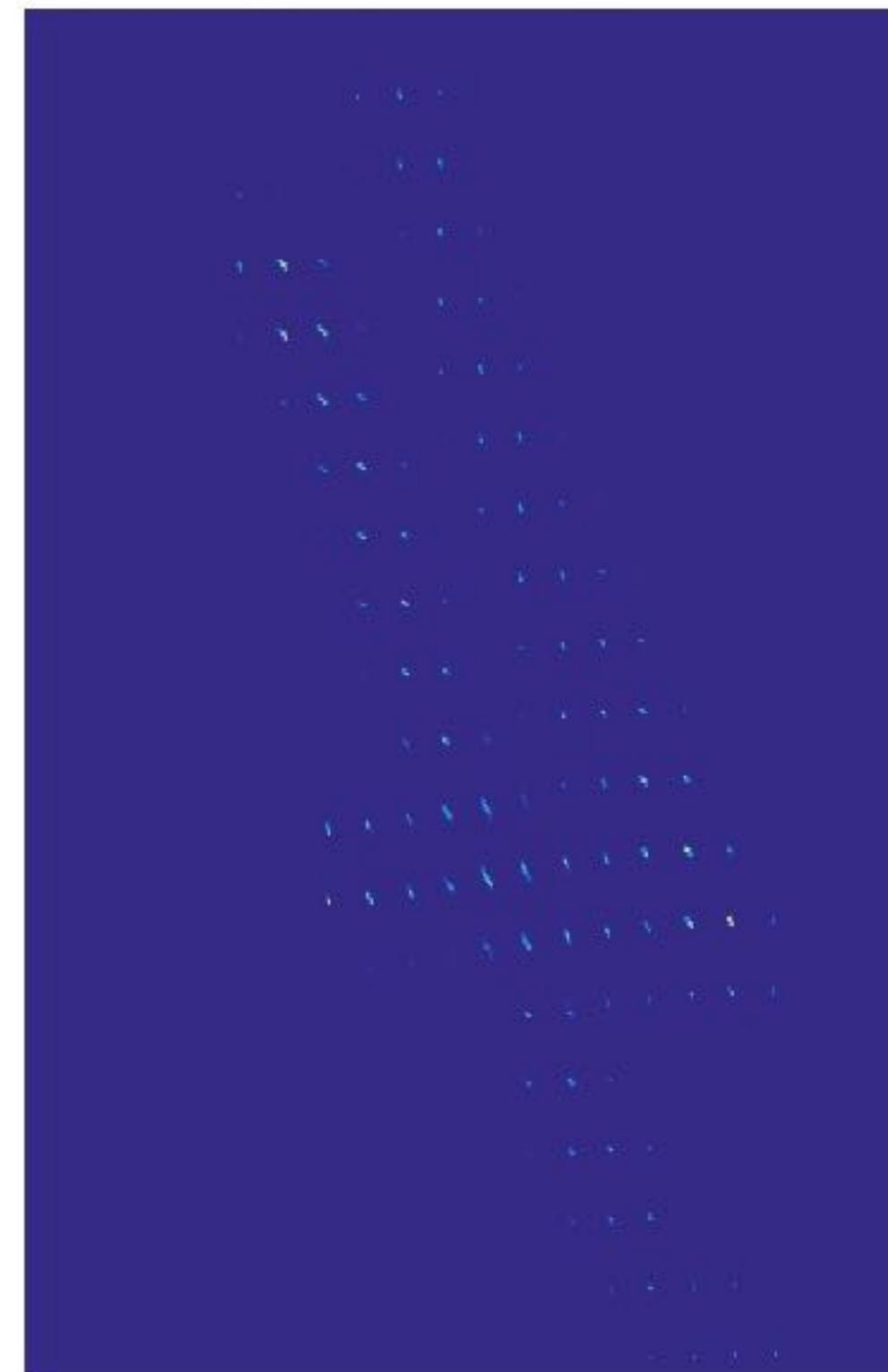
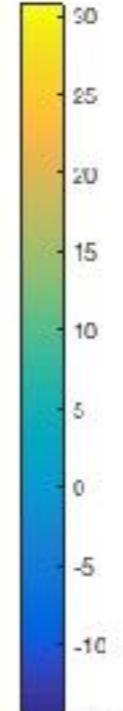
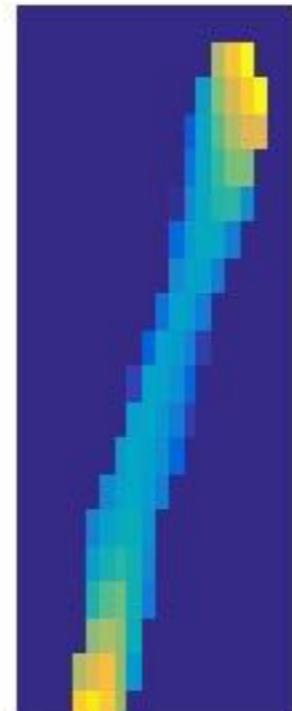
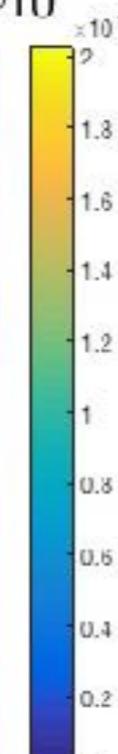
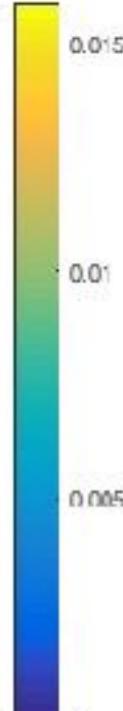
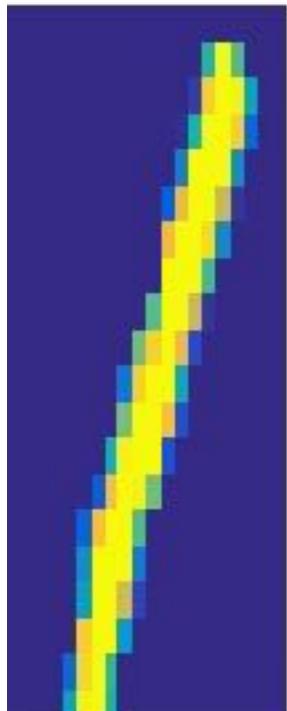
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$$\|P1 - a\|_1 + \|P^T 1 - b\|_1 = 0.31916$$



$v_{10} \leftarrow b/Ku_{10}$

$\log(v_{10})$



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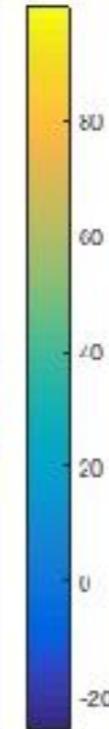
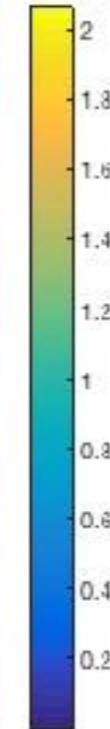
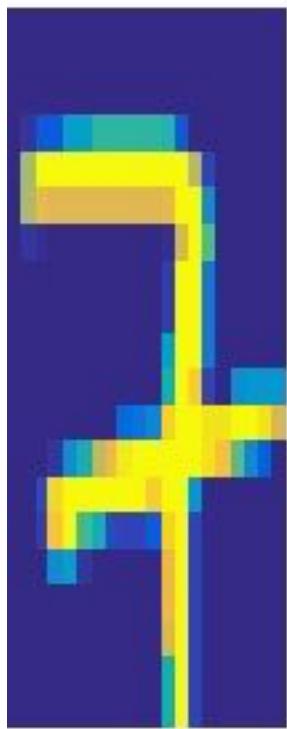
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*Ku*₉

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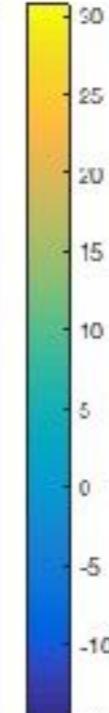
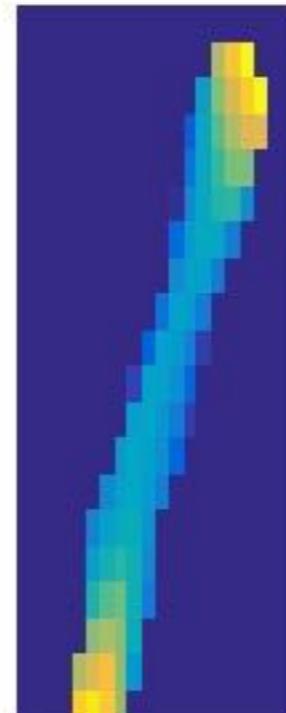
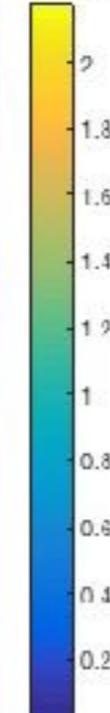
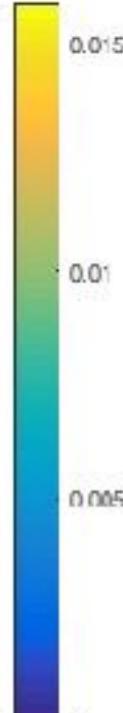
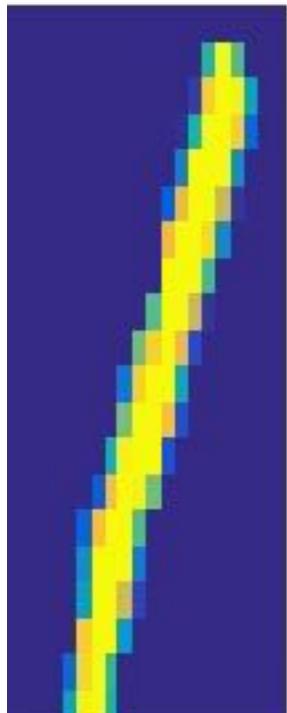
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b

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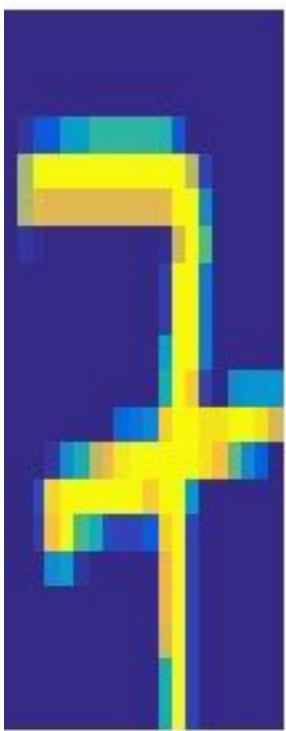
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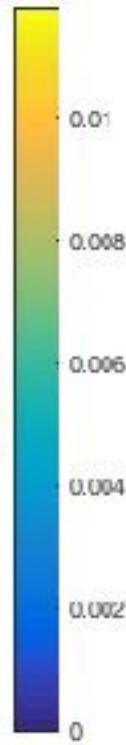
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a

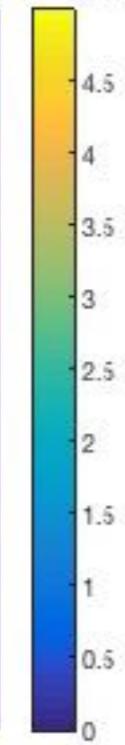
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Kv_{10}



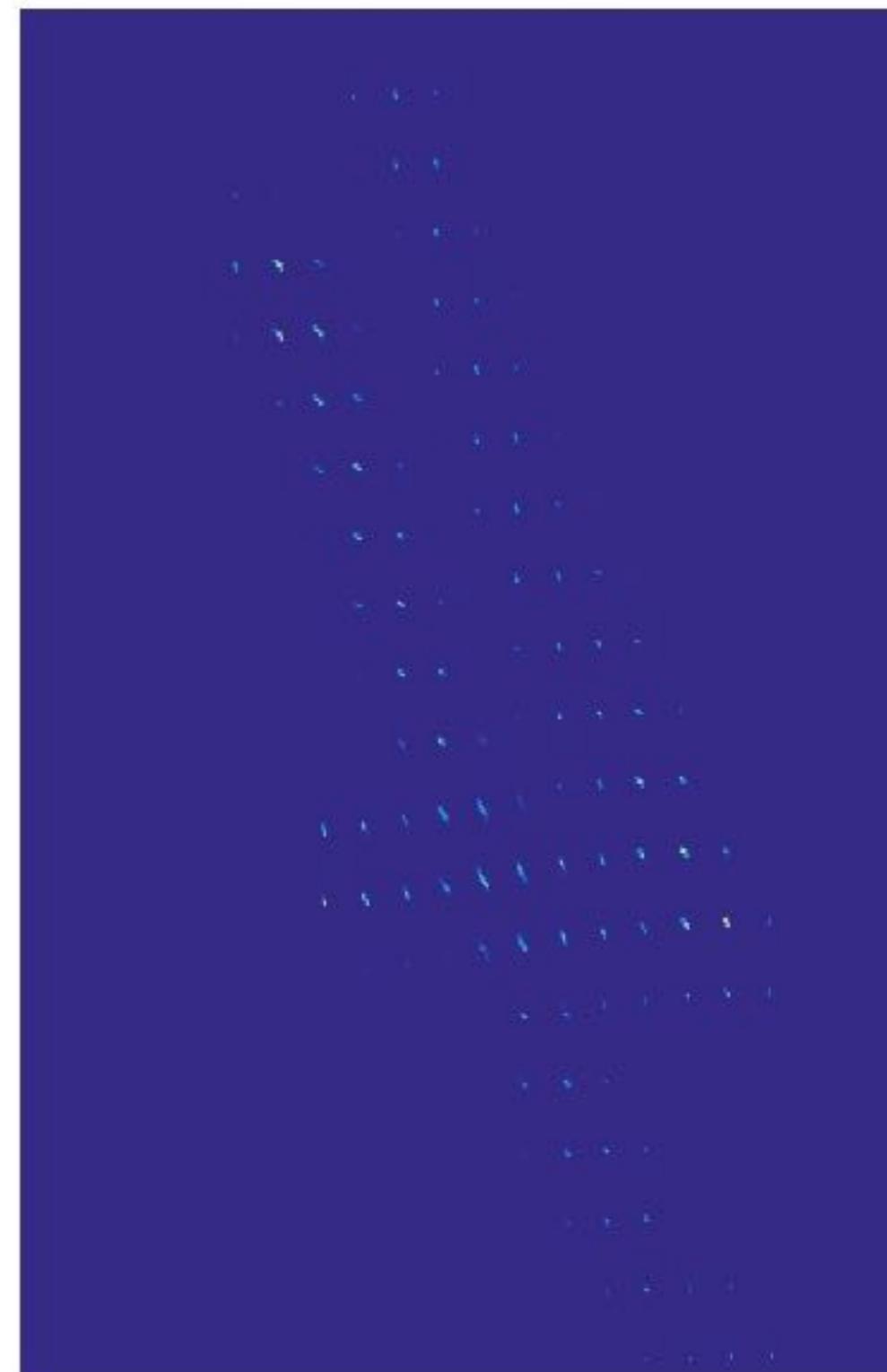
$$\log(u_{10})$$



$\log(u_{10})$

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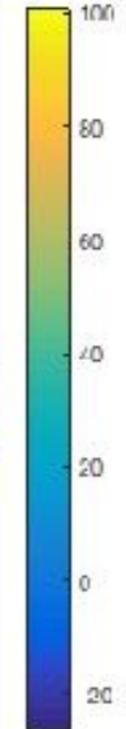
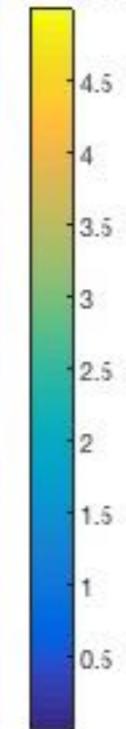
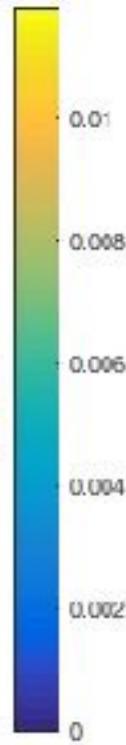
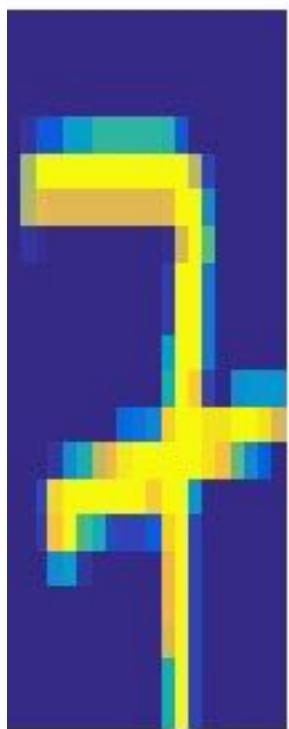
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*Ku*₁₀

log(*u*₁₀)

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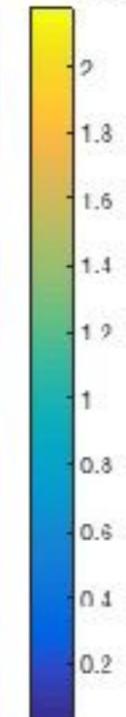
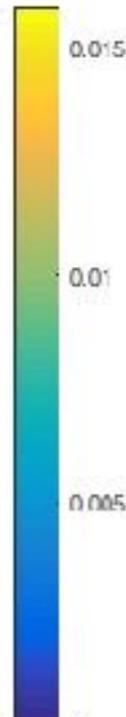
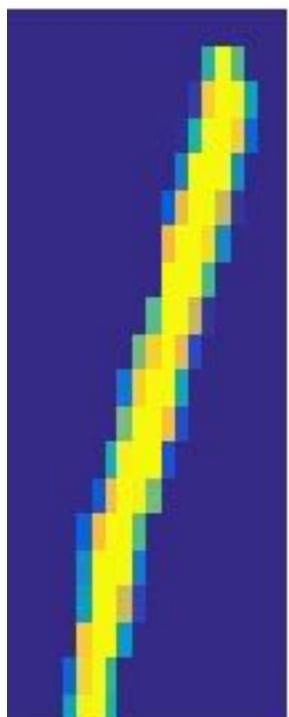
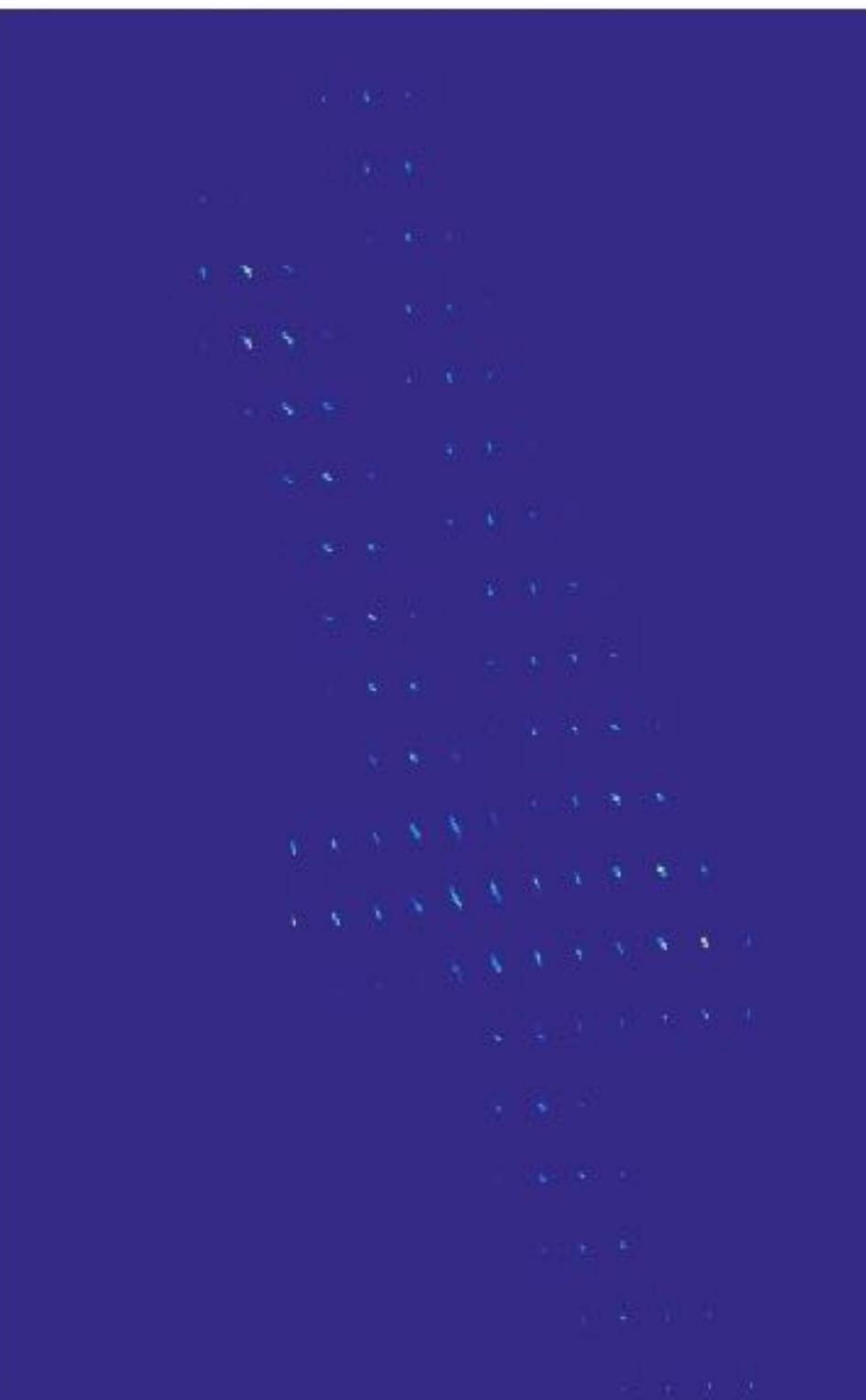
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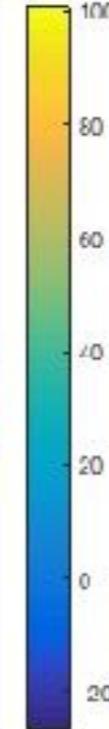
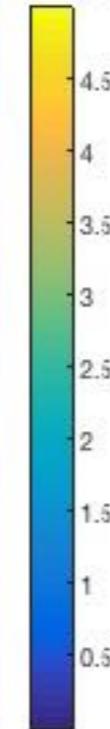
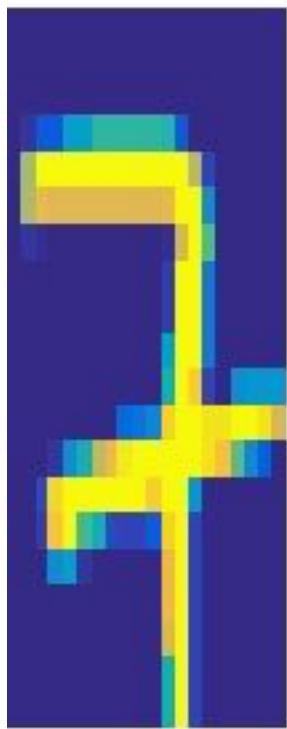
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Ku_{10}

$\log(u_{10})$

$$P_{10} = D(u_{10})KD(v_{10})$$

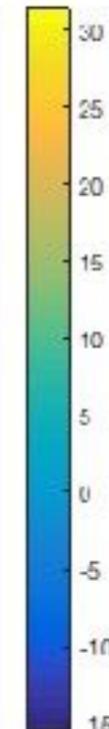
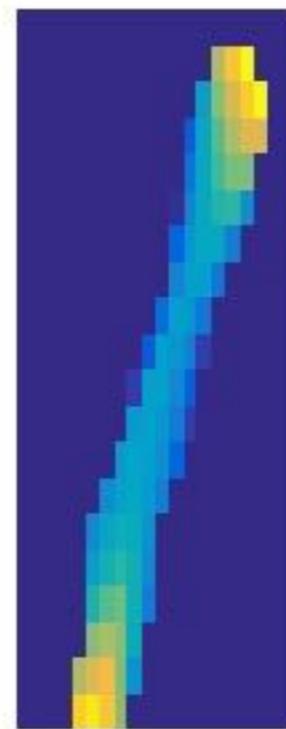
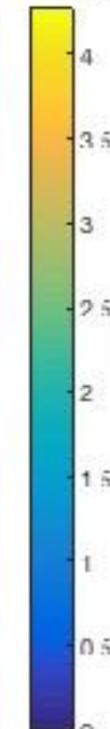
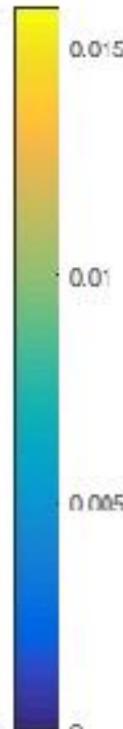
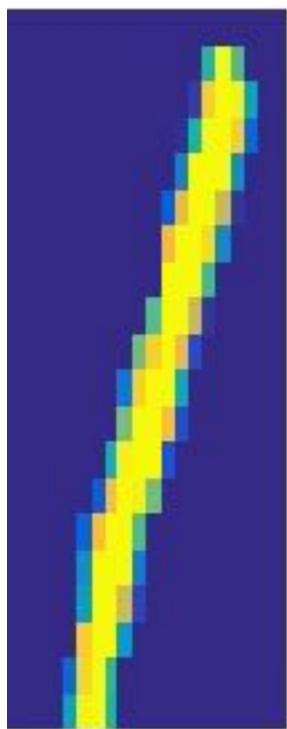
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b

$v_{11} \leftarrow b/Ku_{11}$

$\log(v_{11})$



Sinkhorn as a Dual Algorithm

Def. Regularized Wasserstein, $\gamma \geq 0$

$$W_\gamma(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_{\mathbf{P} \in U(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})} \langle \mathbf{P}, M_{\mathbf{XY}} \rangle - \gamma E(\mathbf{P})$$

REGULARIZED DISCRETE PRIMAL

$$W_\gamma(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{b} - \gamma(e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma})^T \mathbf{K}(e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma})$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{K} = \left[e^{-\frac{\mathbf{D}^p(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_j)}{\gamma}} \right]_{ij}$$

REGULARIZED DISCRETE DUAL

Sinkhorn = *Block Coordinate Ascent* on Dual

Block Coordinate Ascent, a.k.a Sinkhorn

$$W_\gamma(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{b} - \gamma(e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma})^T \mathbf{K} (e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma})$$

REGULARIZED DISCRETE DUAL

$$\mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{b} - \gamma(e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma})^T \mathbf{K} e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma}$$

Block Coordinate Ascent, a.k.a Sinkhorn

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REGULARIZED DISCRETE DUAL

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$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \mathcal{E} = \mathbf{a} - e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma} \odot \mathbf{K} e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma}$$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \mathcal{E} = \mathbf{b} - e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma} \odot \mathbf{K}^T e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma}$$

Block Coordinate Ascent, a.k.a Sinkhorn

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REGULARIZED DISCRETE DUAL

$$\mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{b} - \gamma(e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma})^T \mathbf{K} e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma}$$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \mathcal{E} = \mathbf{a} - e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma} \odot \mathbf{K} e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} \leftarrow \gamma \left(\log \mathbf{a} - \log \mathbf{K} e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma} \right)$$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \mathcal{E} = \mathbf{b} - e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma} \odot \mathbf{K}^T e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} \leftarrow \gamma \left(\log \mathbf{b} - \log \mathbf{K}^T (e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma}) \right)$$

Block Coordinate Ascent, a.k.a Sinkhorn

$$W_\gamma(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{b} - \gamma(e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma})^T \mathbf{K} (e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma})$$

REGULARIZED DISCRETE DUAL

Block Coordinate Ascent, a.k.a Sinkhorn

$$W_\gamma(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{b} - \gamma(e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma})^T \mathbf{K}(e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma})$$

REGULARIZED DISCRETE DUAL

$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma}, e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} \leftarrow \gamma \left(\log \mathbf{a} - \log \mathbf{K}(e^{\boldsymbol{\beta}/\gamma}) \right)$$

$$\mathbf{u} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{K}\mathbf{v}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} \leftarrow \gamma \left(\log \mathbf{b} - \log \mathbf{K}^T(e^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}/\gamma}) \right)$$

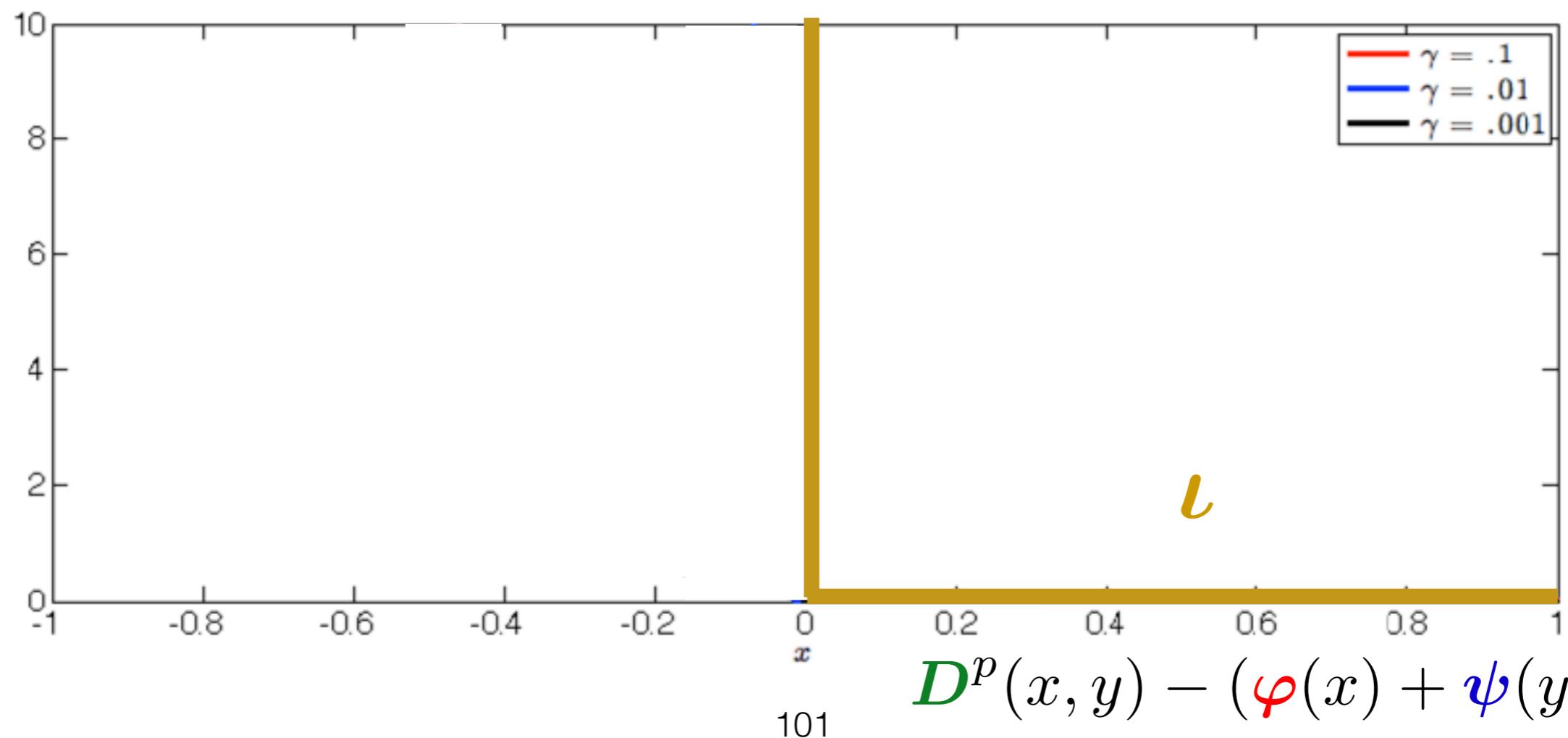
$$\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{u}}$$

Stochastic Formulation

$$W_p^p(\mu, \nu) = \sup_{\varphi, \psi} \int \varphi d\mu + \int \psi d\nu - \iota_C(\varphi, \psi)$$

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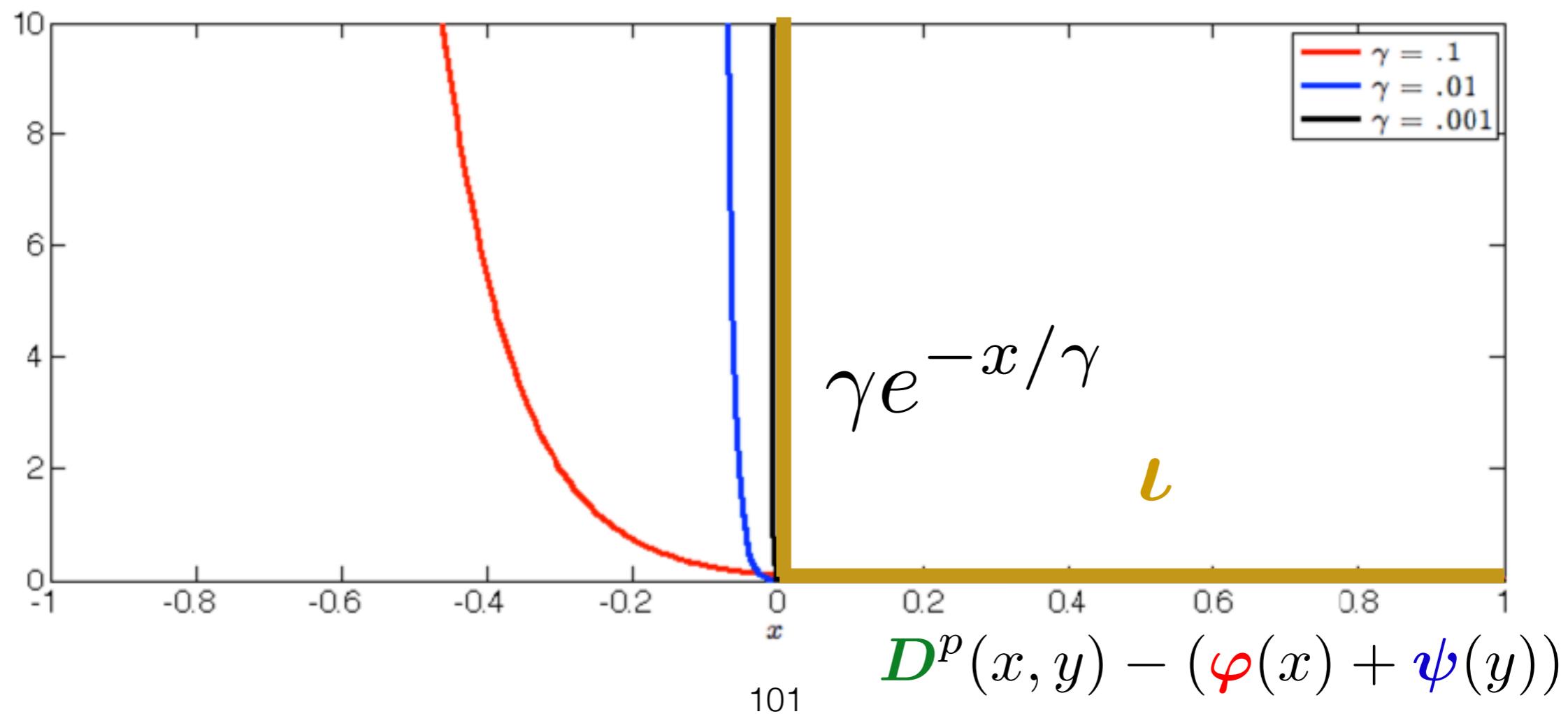


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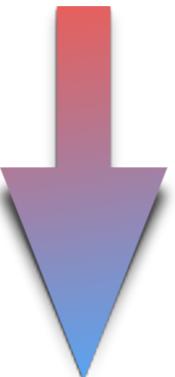
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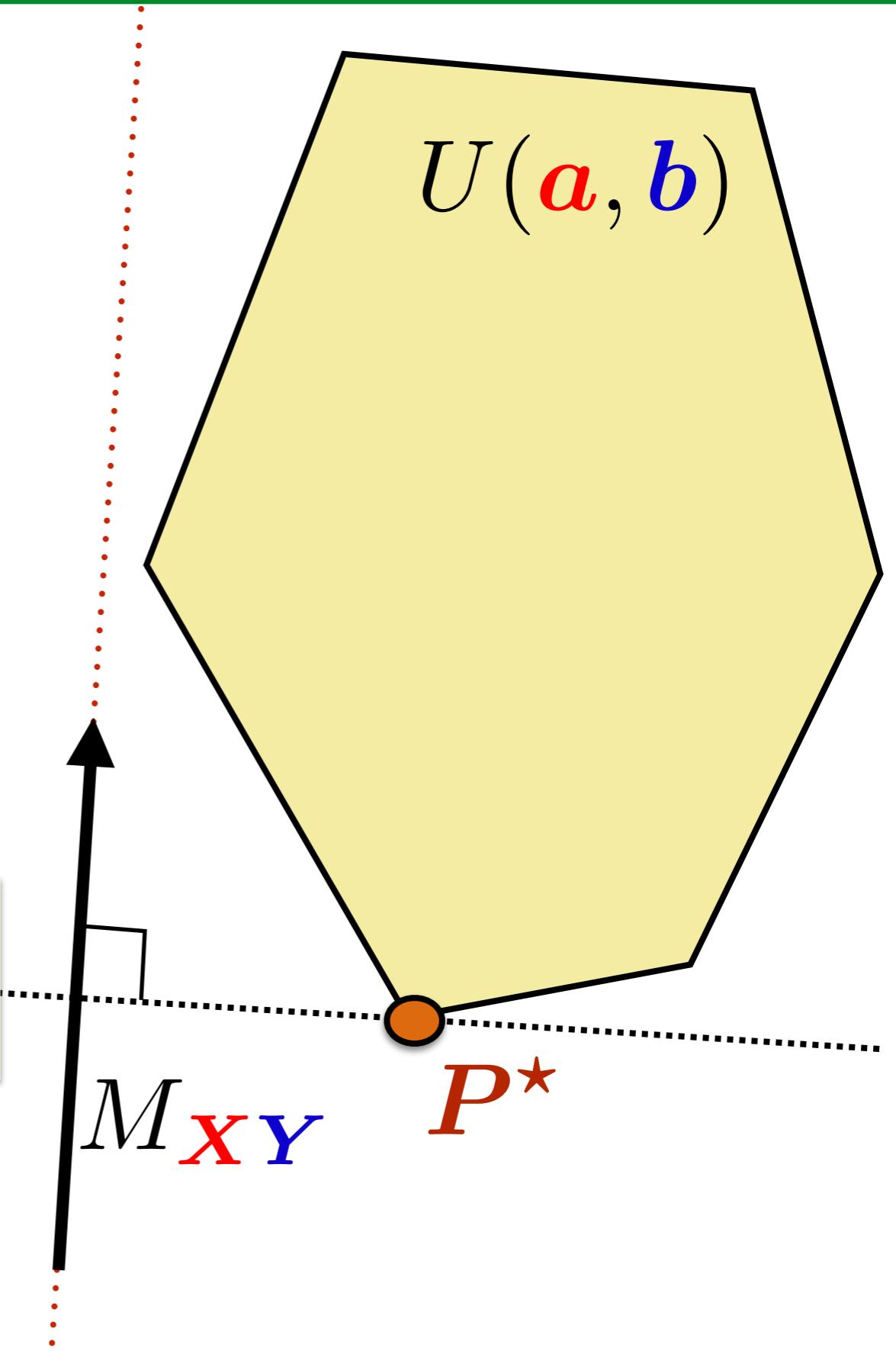
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STOCHASTIC REGULARIZED SEMI-DUAL

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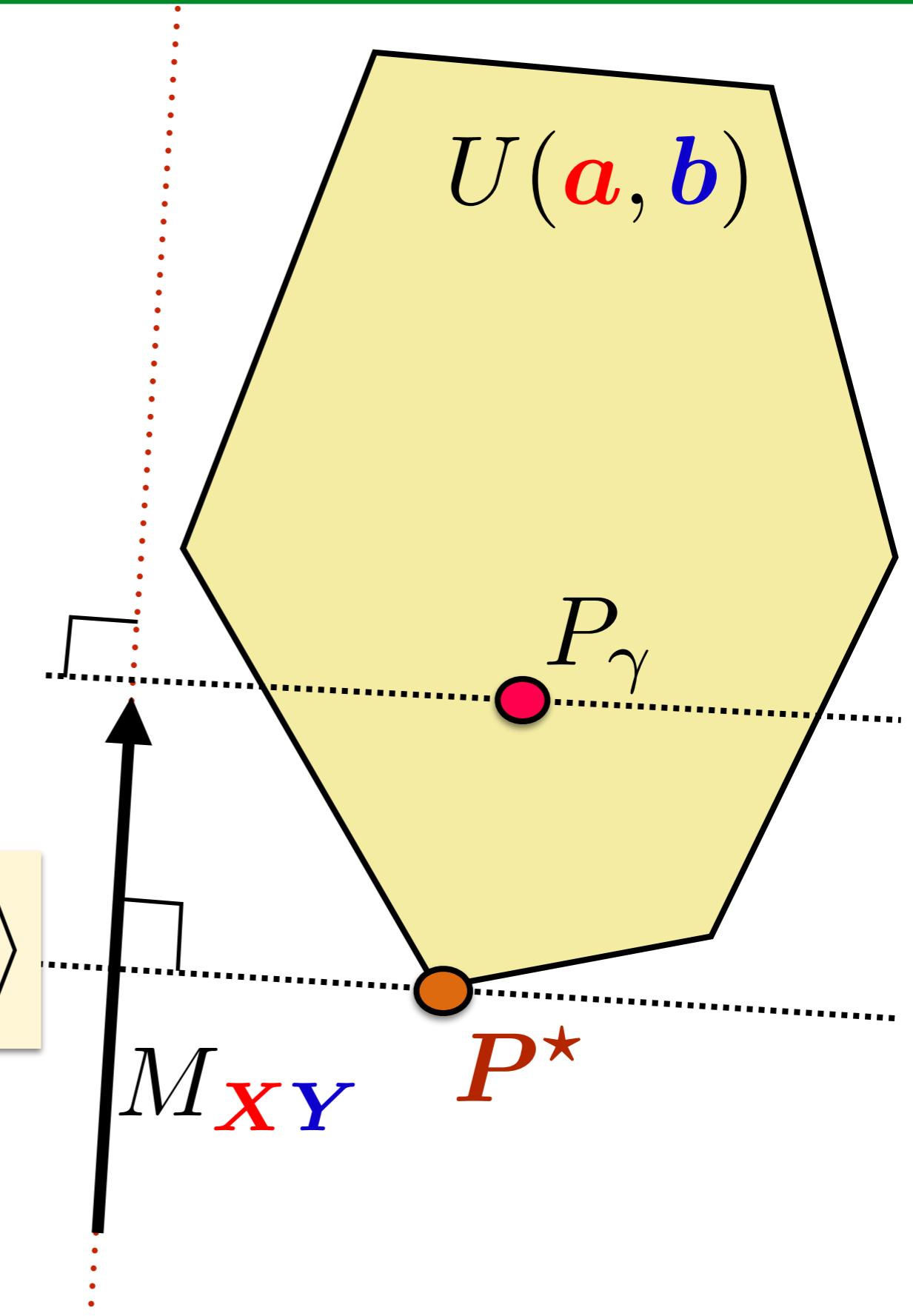


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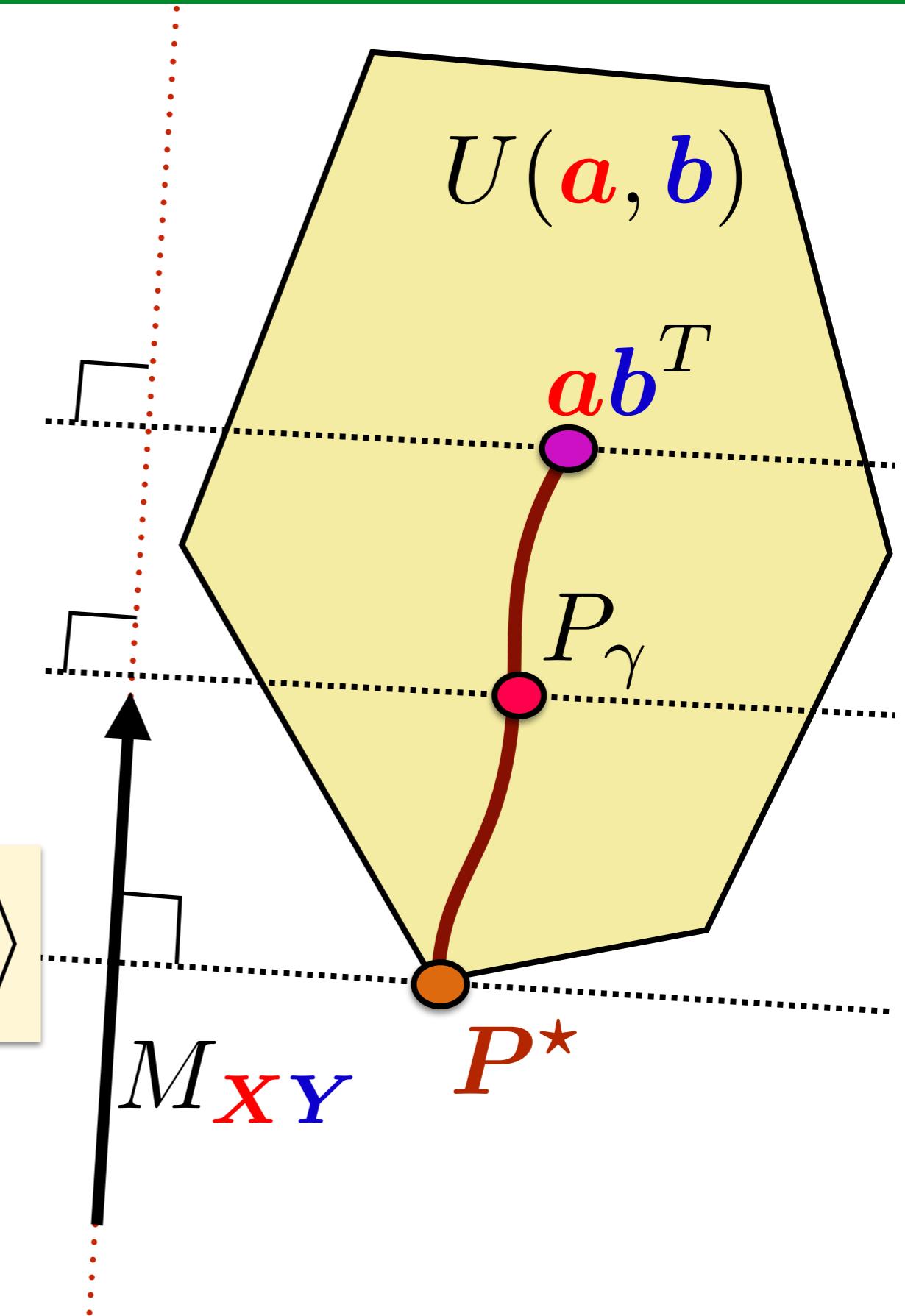
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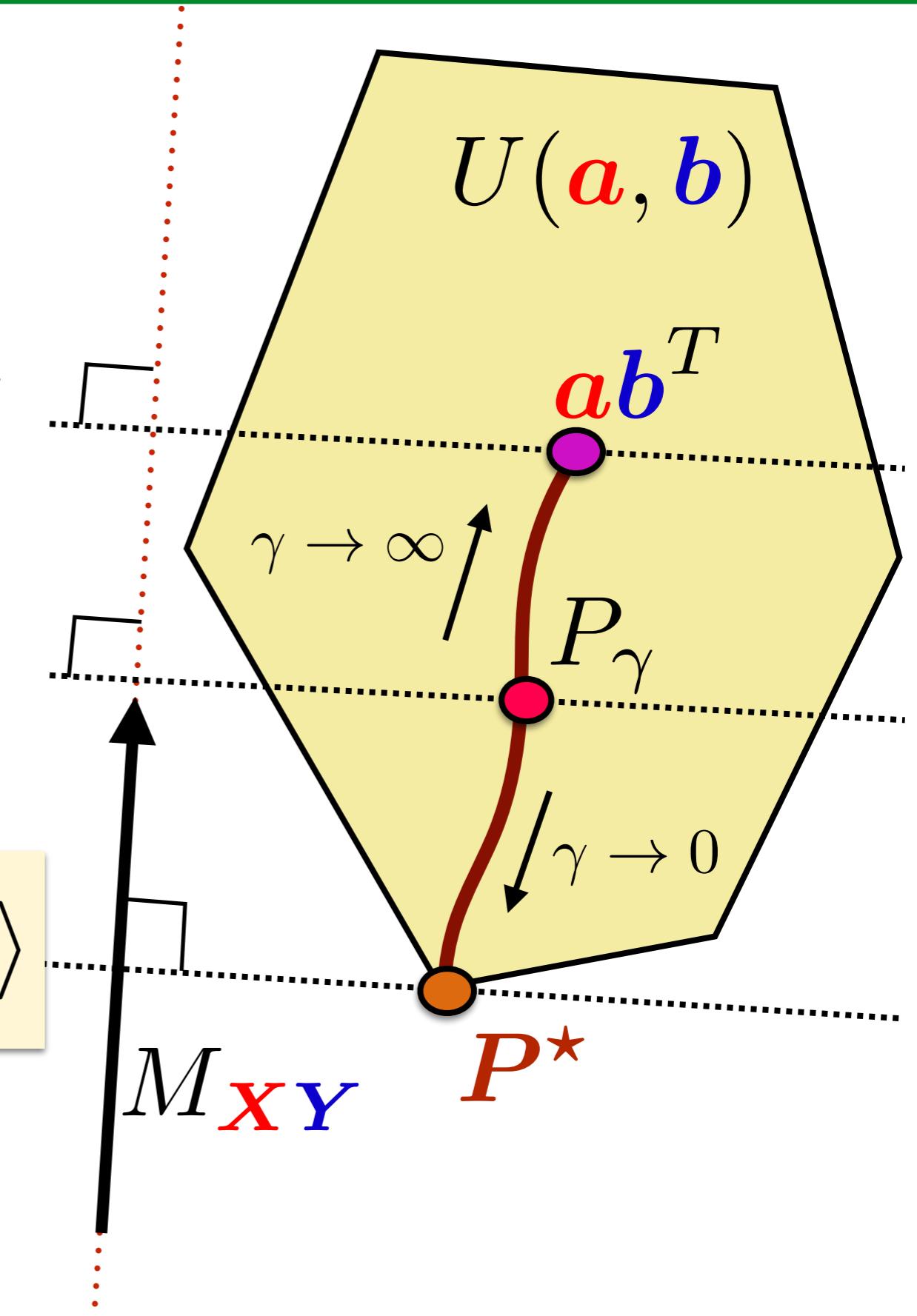
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i.i.d samples $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim \mu$, $y_1, \dots, y_m \sim \nu$,

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Computational properties

Effort to compute/approximate $\Delta(\hat{\mu}_n, \hat{\nu}_m)$?

Statistical properties

$$|\Delta(\mu, \nu) - \Delta(\hat{\mu}_n, \hat{\nu}_n)| \leq f(n)?$$

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[GCBP'18]

[FSVATP'18]

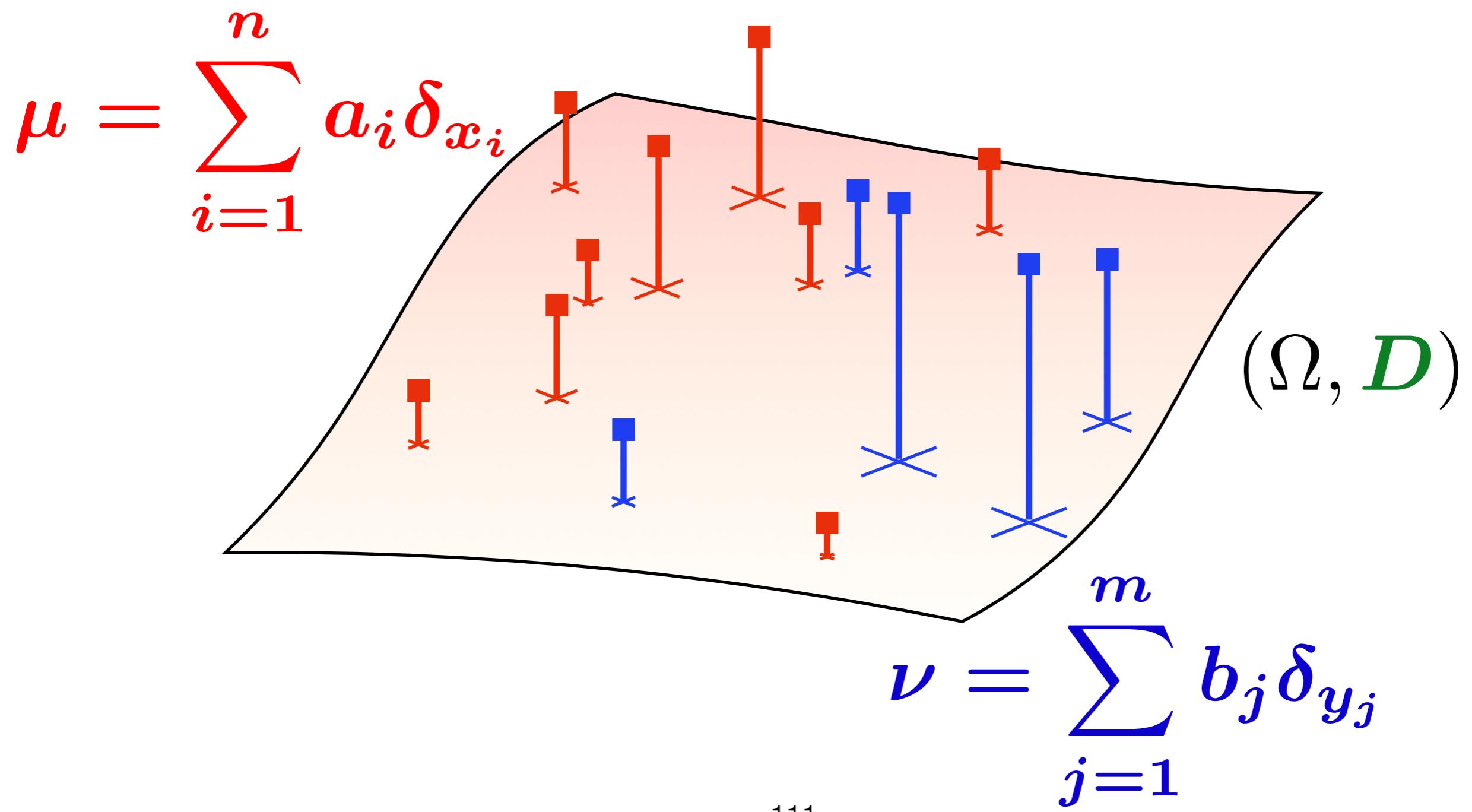
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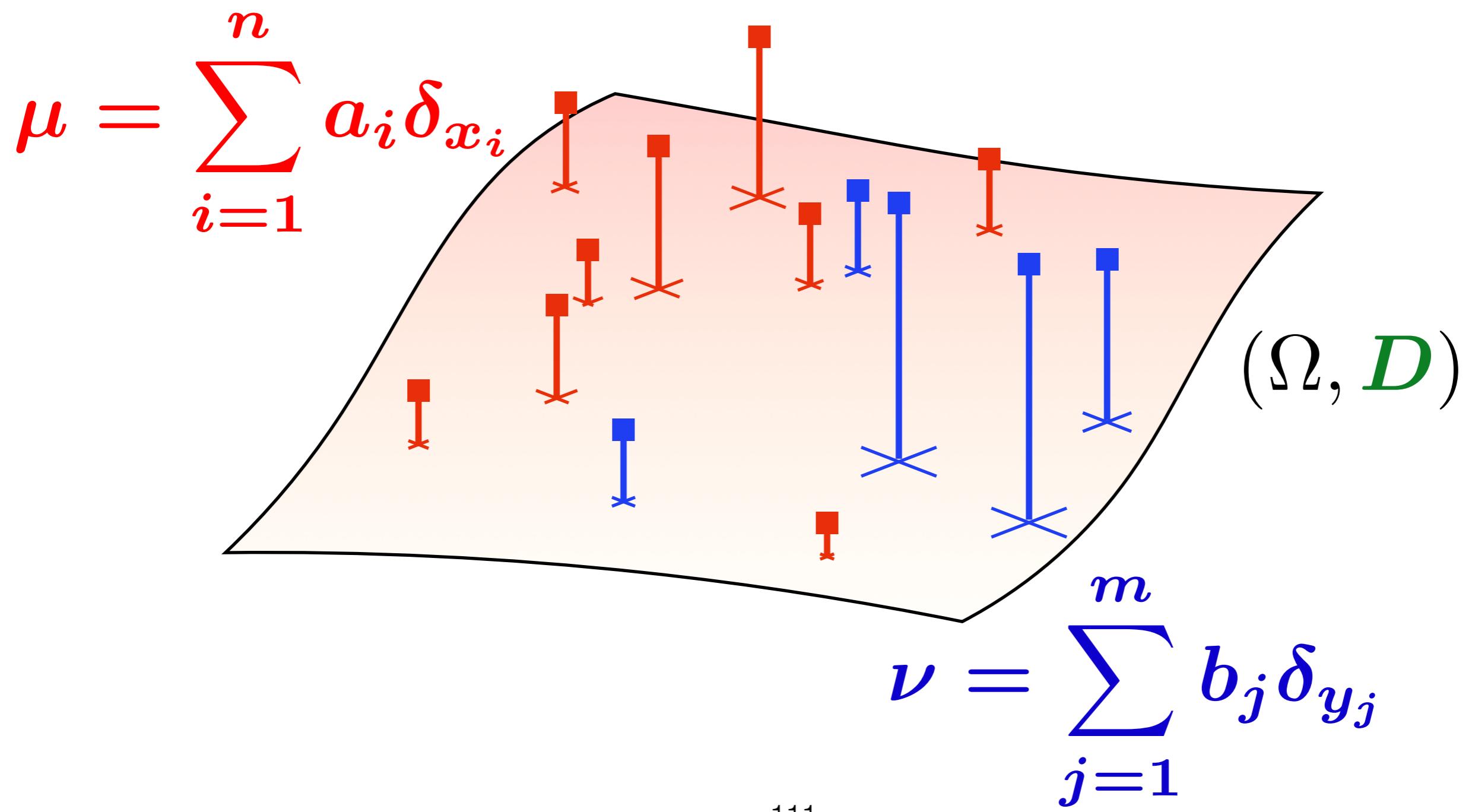
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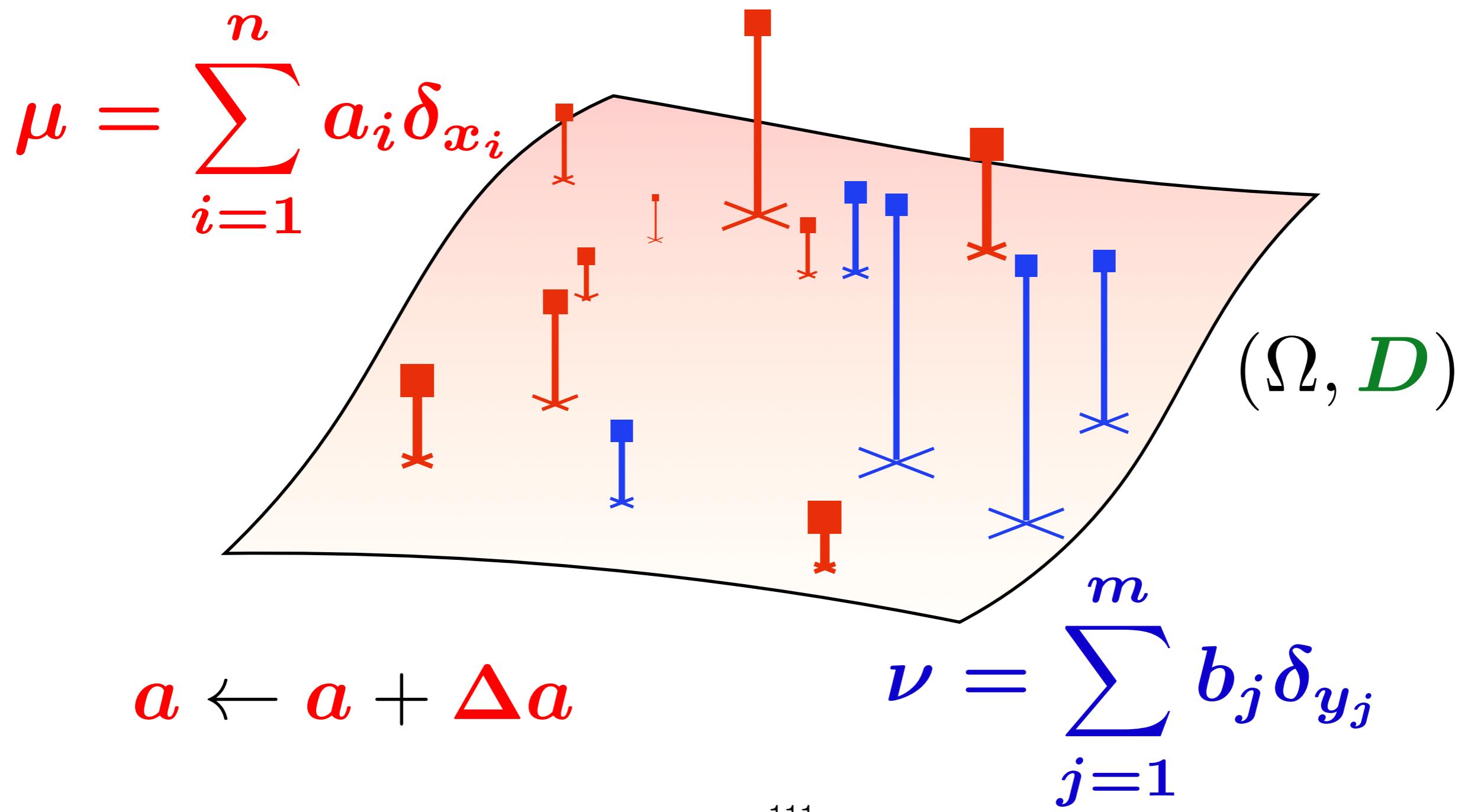
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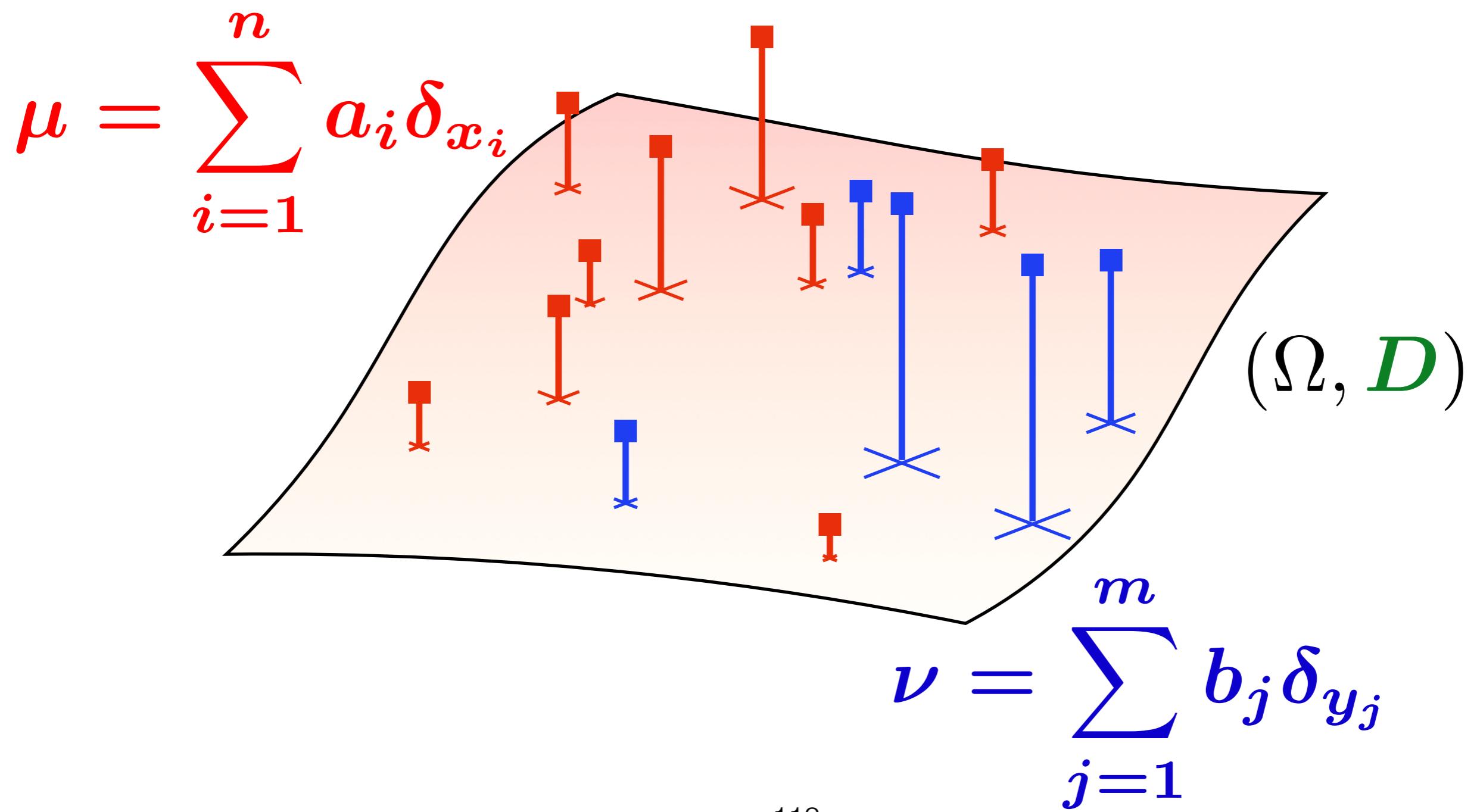
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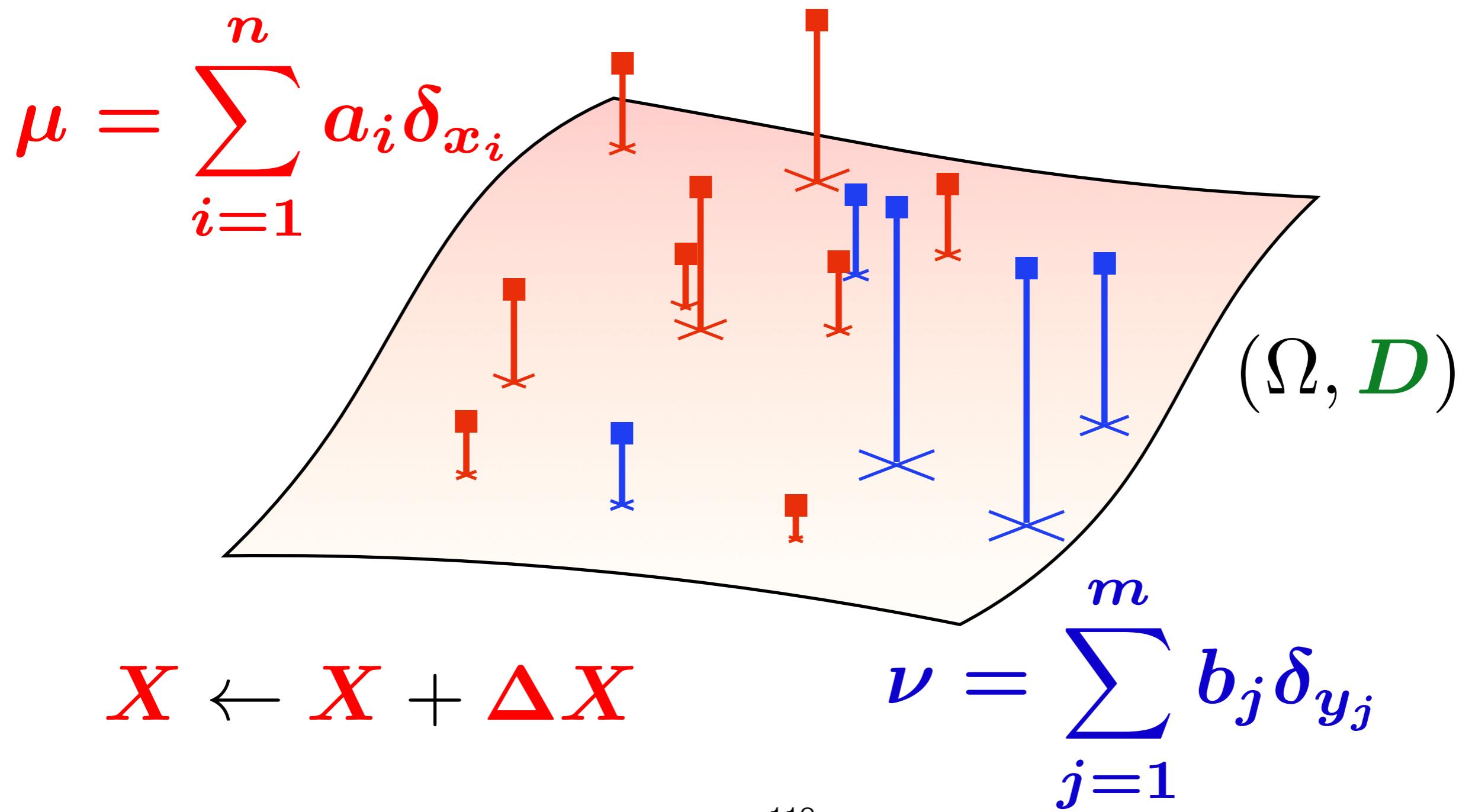
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DUAL

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PRIMAL

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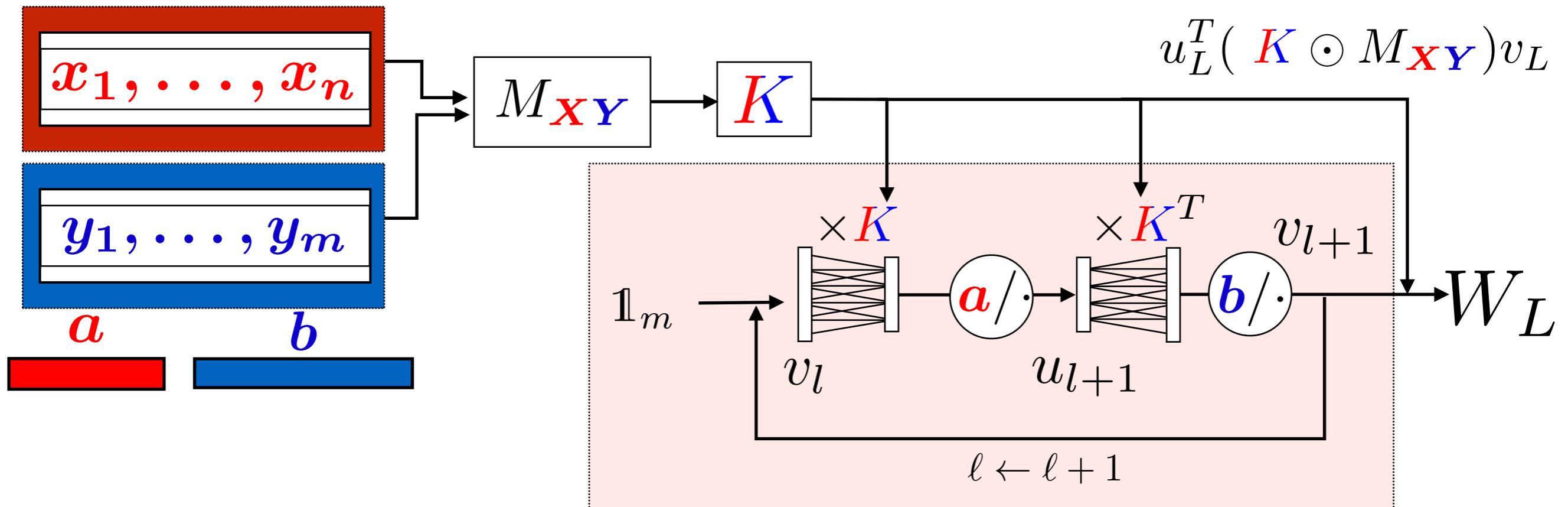
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[Hashimoto'16] [Bonneel'16][Shalit'16]

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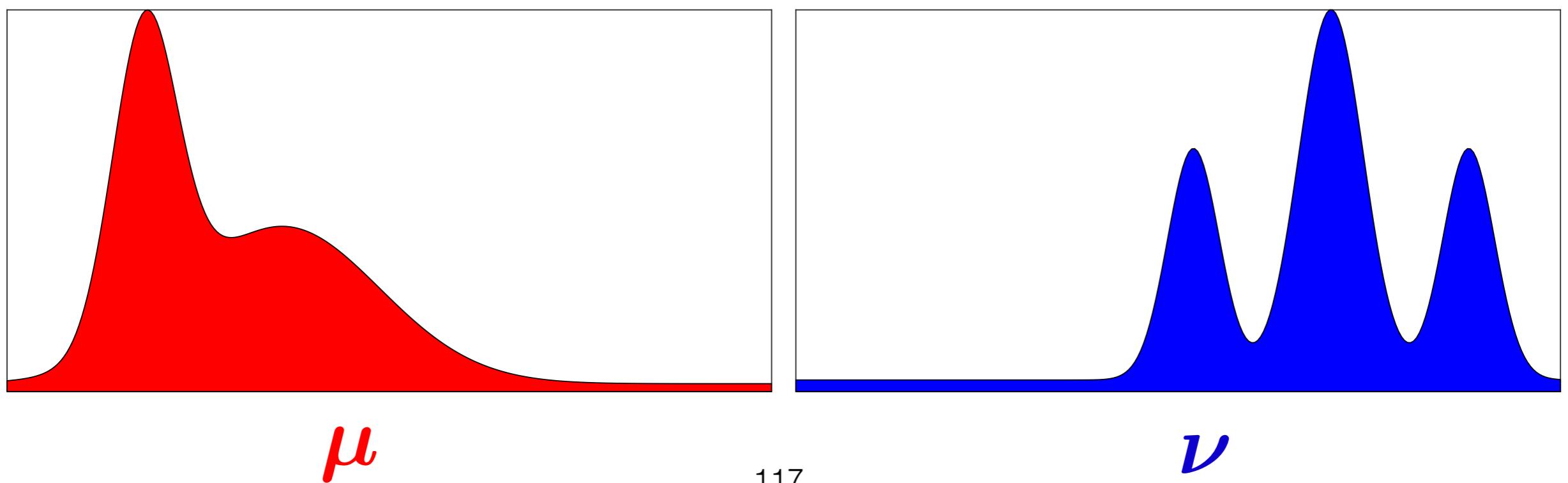
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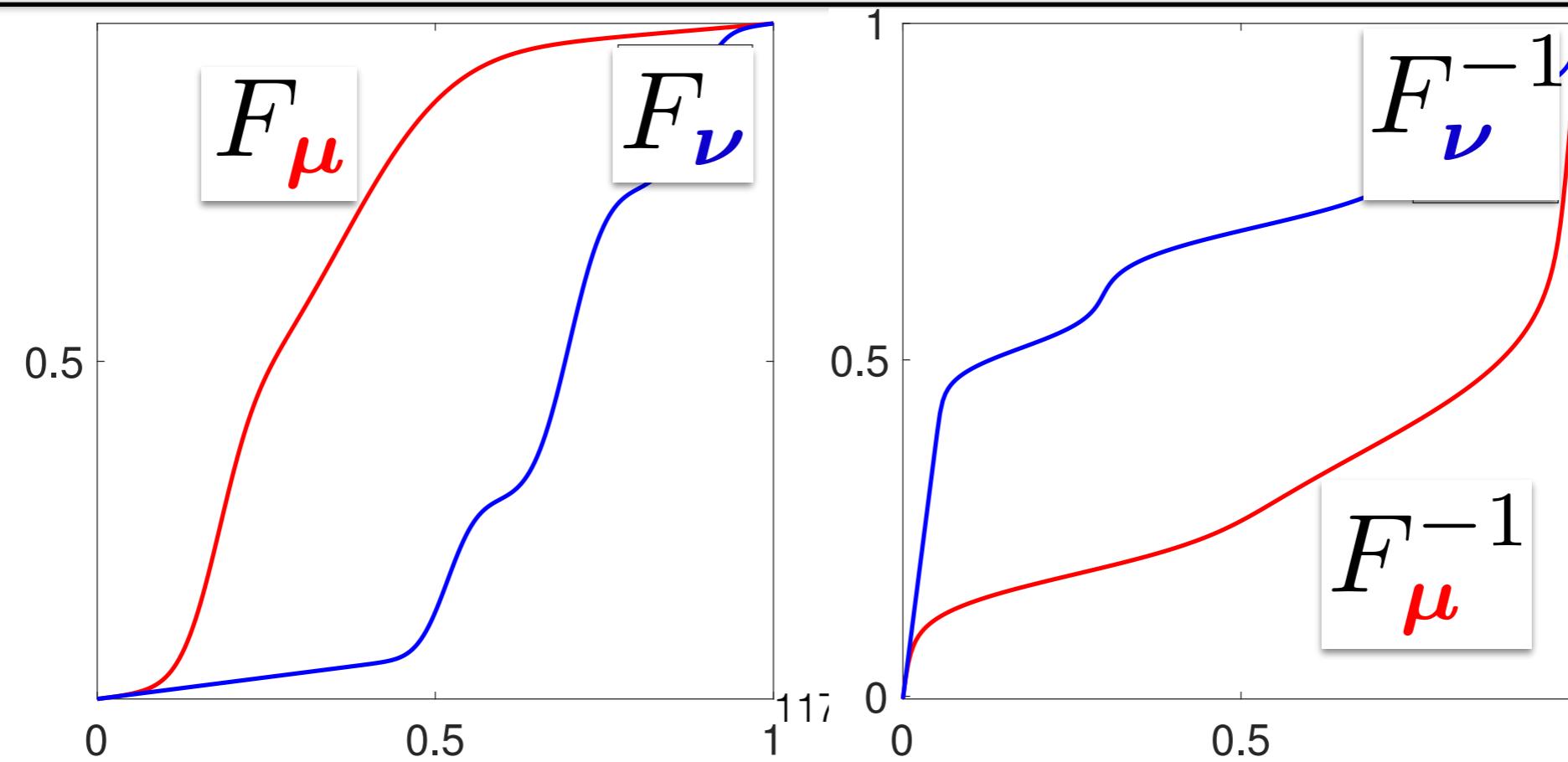
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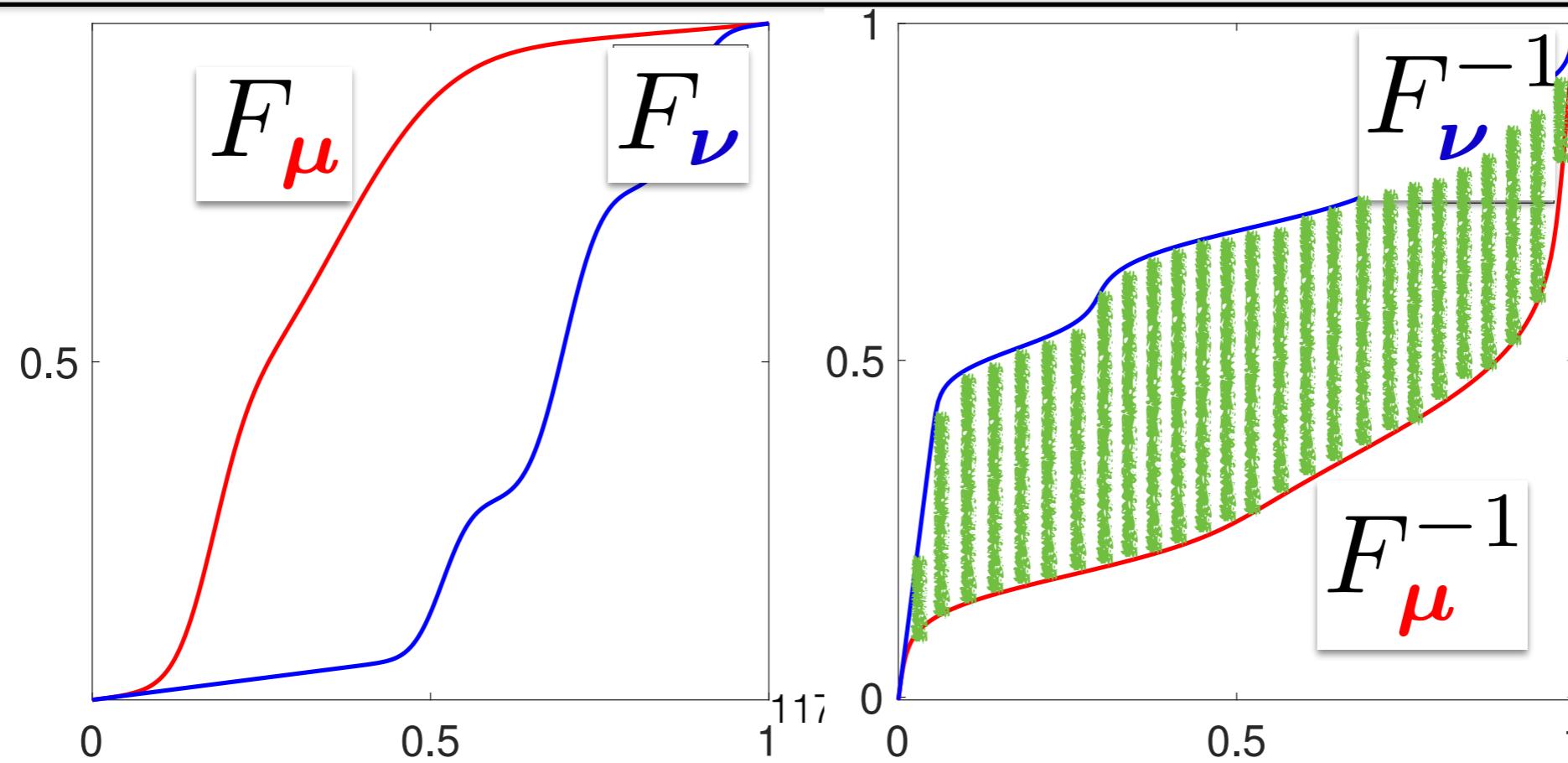
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Sliced Wasserstein Distance [Rabin+'11]

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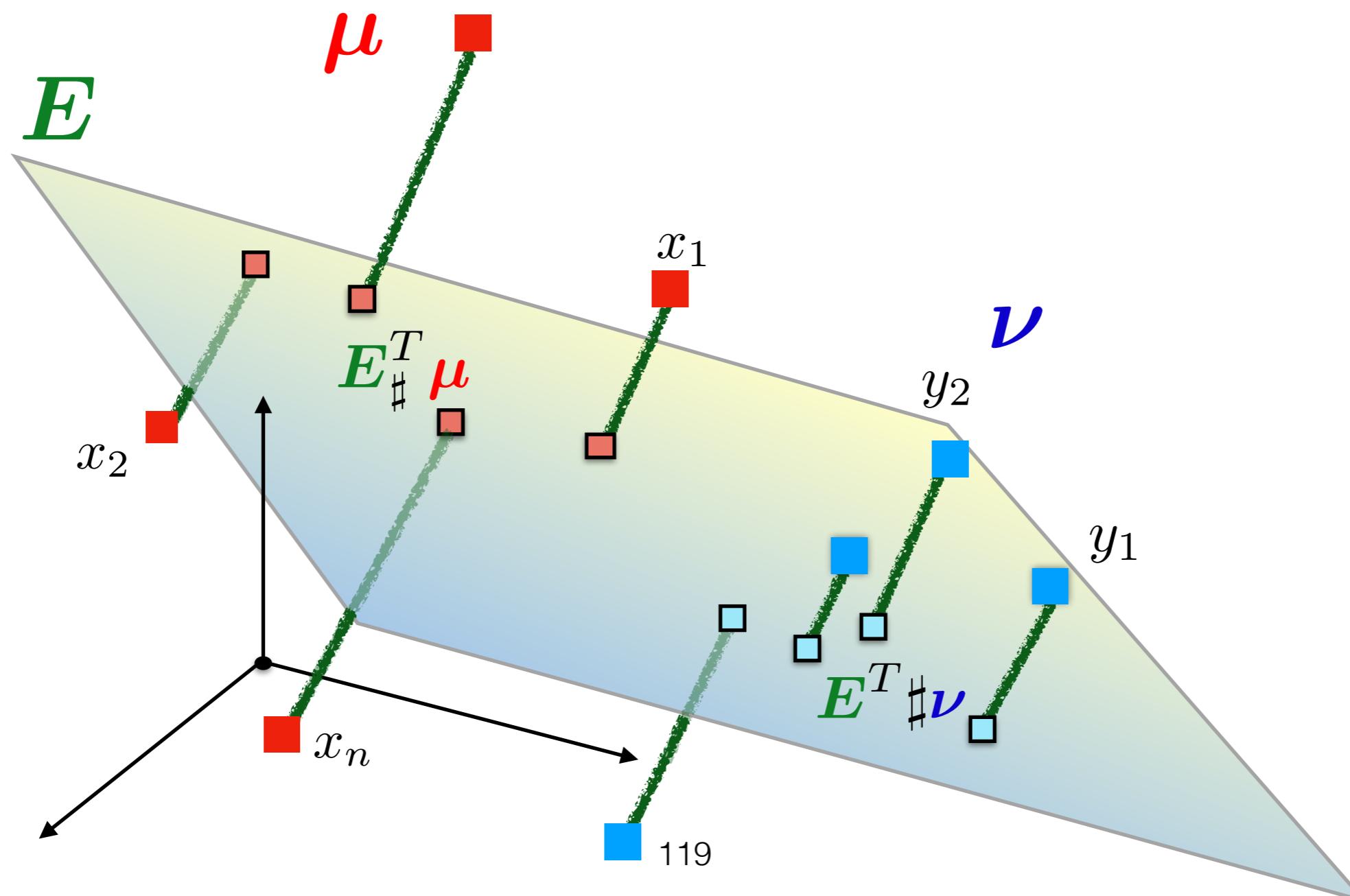
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- [Weed+'19]: convergence for “well behaved” measures effectively supported on k dimensional subspace, would recover estimator with $O(n^{-1/k})$

Not convex! min/max?

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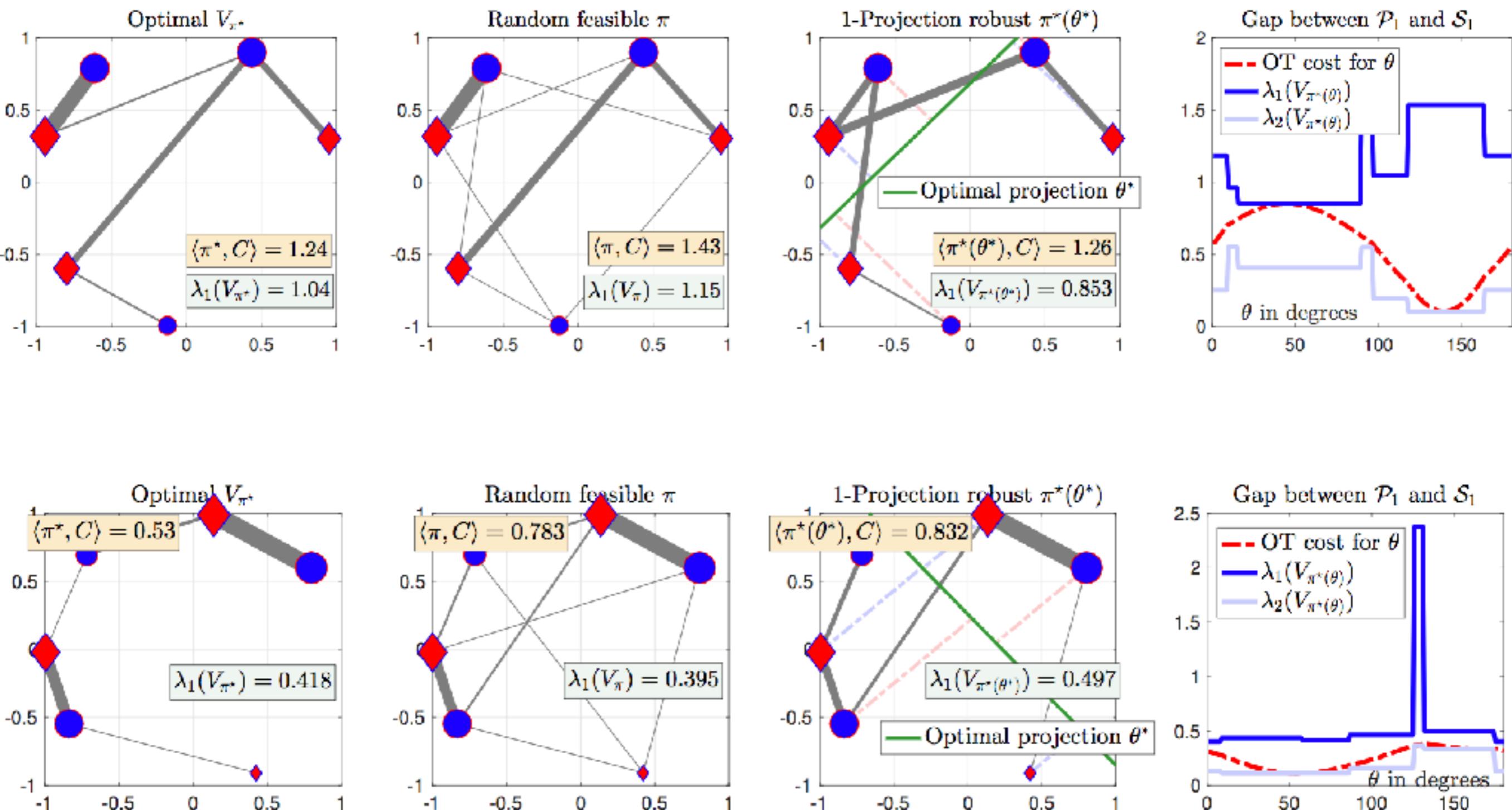
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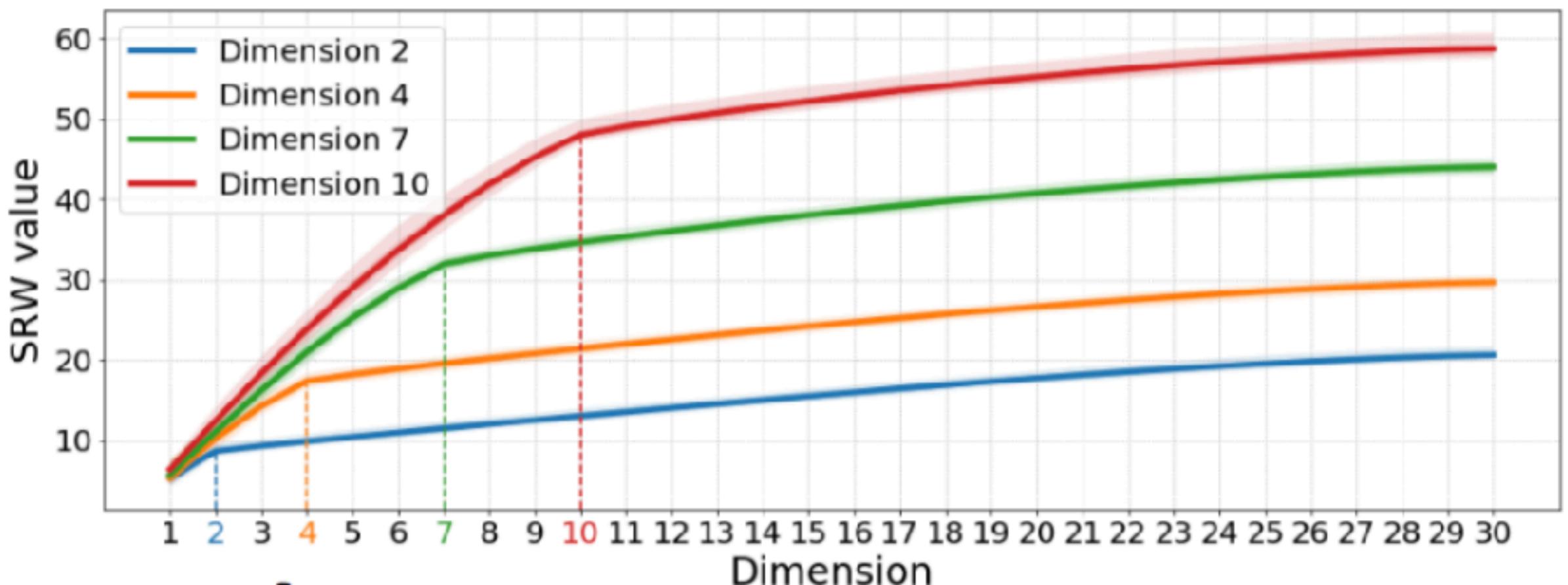
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Solved using FW and entropic regularization (next)



4. Applications

- Wasserstein distances for retrieval
- Wasserstein barycenters
- W for unsupervised learning
- W inverse problems
- W in biology
- W to learn parameters and generative models

The Earth Mover's Distance



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[Rubner'98] $\text{dist}(I_1, I_2) = W_1(\mu, \nu)$

The Word Mover's Distance



[Kusner'15]

$$\text{dist}(D_1, D_2) = W_2(\mu, \nu)$$

Recall that our goal is...

Up to 2010: OT solvers
used mostly for retrieval
in databases of histograms

$$W_p(\mu, \nu) = ?$$

$$W_p(\mu, \nu) \leq \dots ?$$

OT is now used as a **loss** or **fidelity** term:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)} F(W_p(\mu, \nu_1), W_p(\mu, \nu_2), \dots, \mu) = ?$$

[Jordan Kinderlehrer Otto'98]

“ ∇_μ ” $W_p(\mu, \nu) = ?$

[Ambrosio Gigli Savaré'05]

Wassersteinization

[wos-ur-stahyn-ahy-sey-shuh-n]

noun.

**Introduction of optimal transport
into an optimization or learning
problem.**

**cf. least-squarification, L₁ification, deep-netification,
kernelization**

“Wasserstein + Data” Problems

- Quantization, k -means problem [Lloyd'82]

$$\min_{\begin{array}{l} \boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ |\text{supp } \boldsymbol{\mu}| = k \end{array}} W_2^2(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\text{data}})$$

- [McCann'95] Interpolant

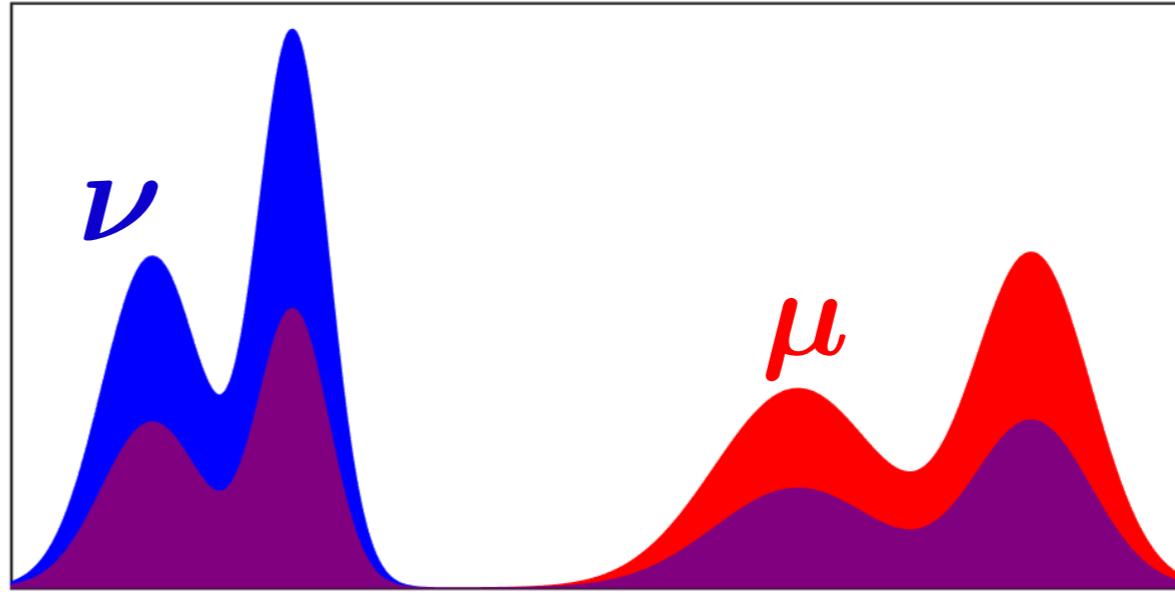
$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)} (1-t)W_2^2(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_1) + tW_2^2(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_2)$$

- [JKO'98] PDE's as gradient flows in $(\mathcal{P}(\Omega), W)$.

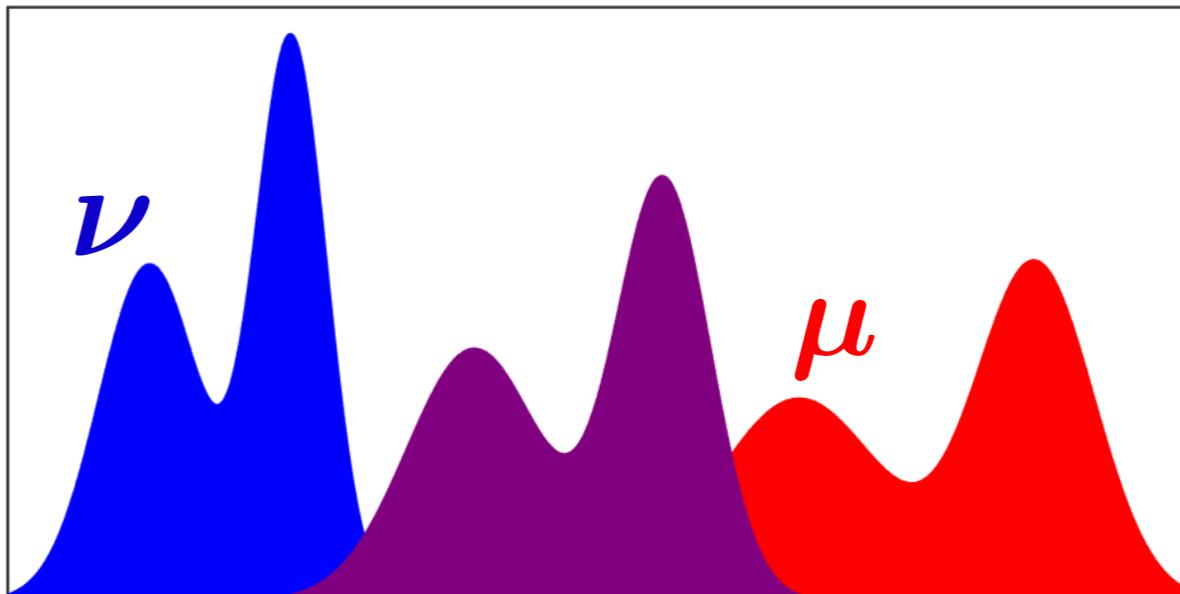
$$\mu_{t+1} = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)} J(\boldsymbol{\mu}) + \lambda_t W_p^p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mu_t)$$

Averaging Measures

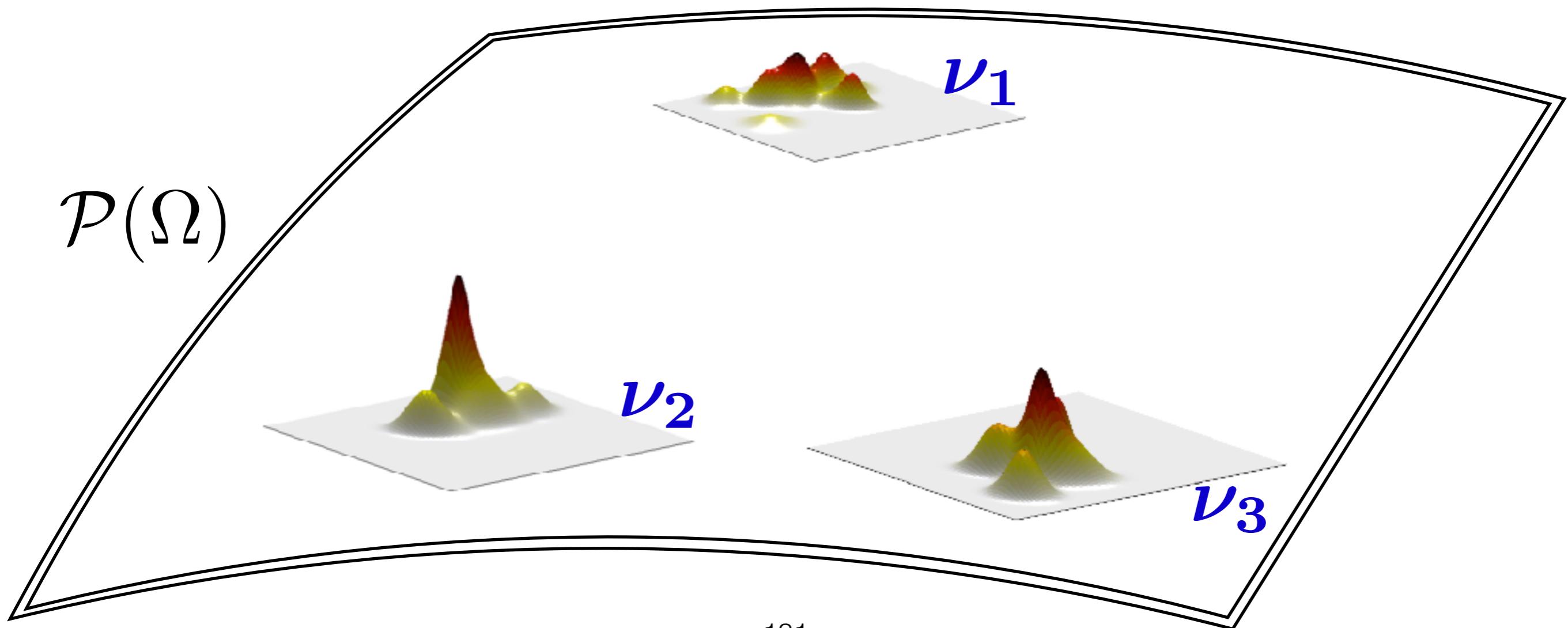
L_2 average



W average

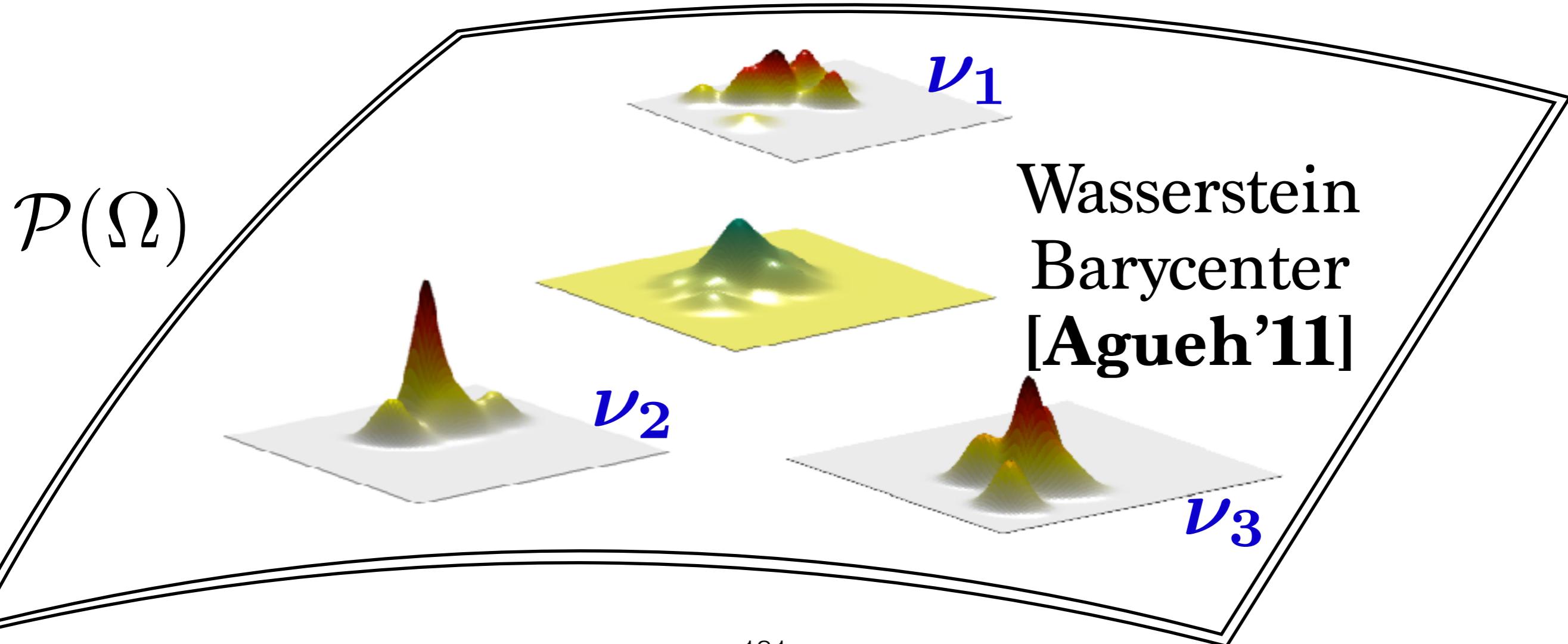


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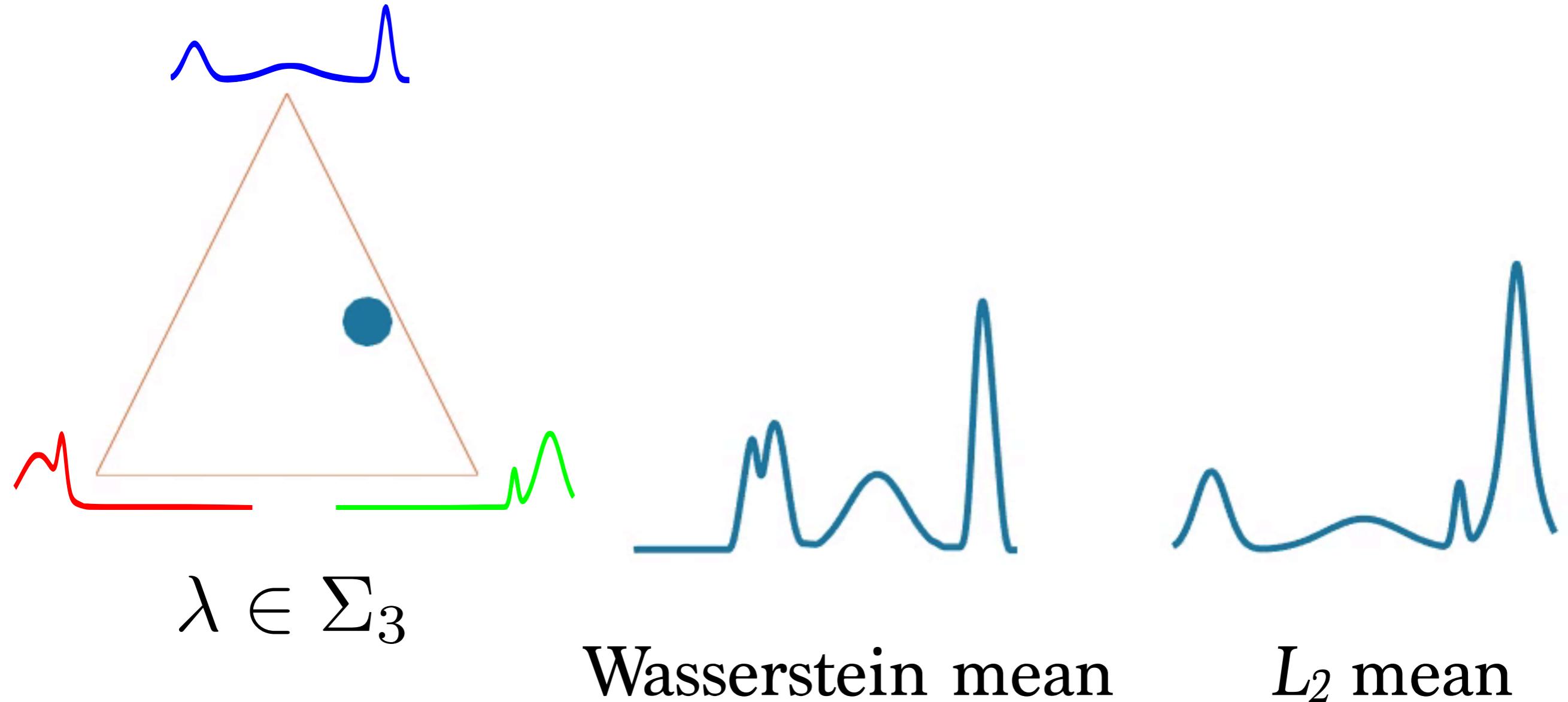


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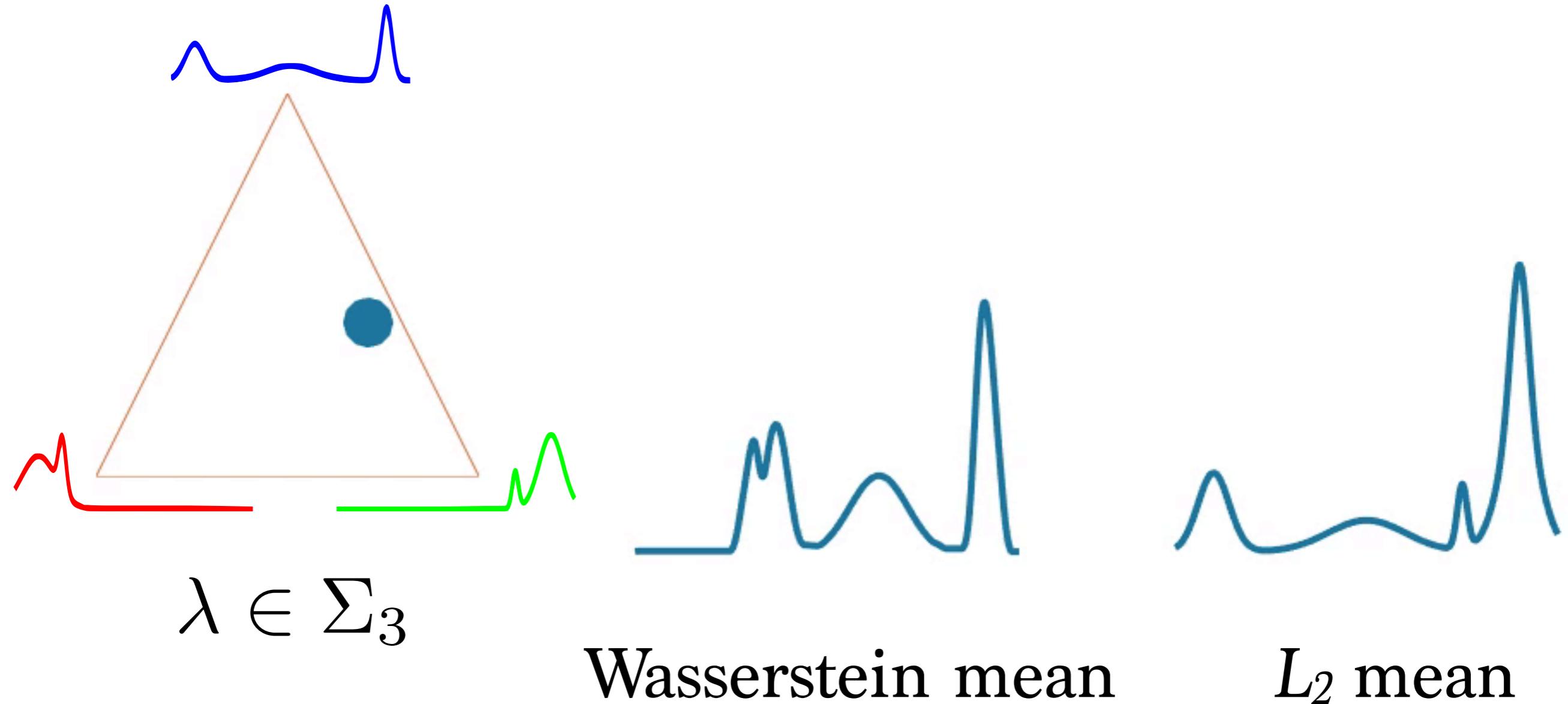
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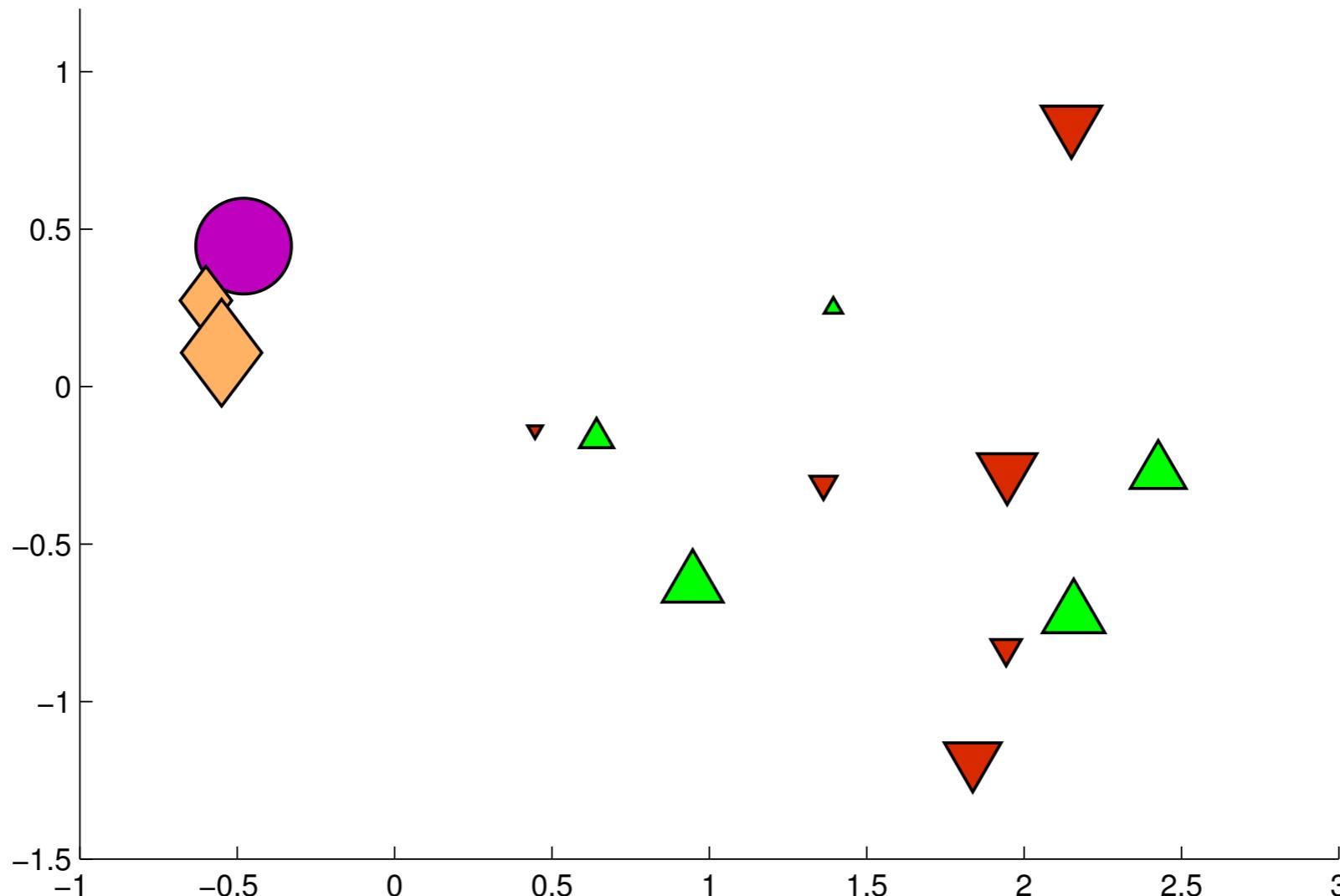


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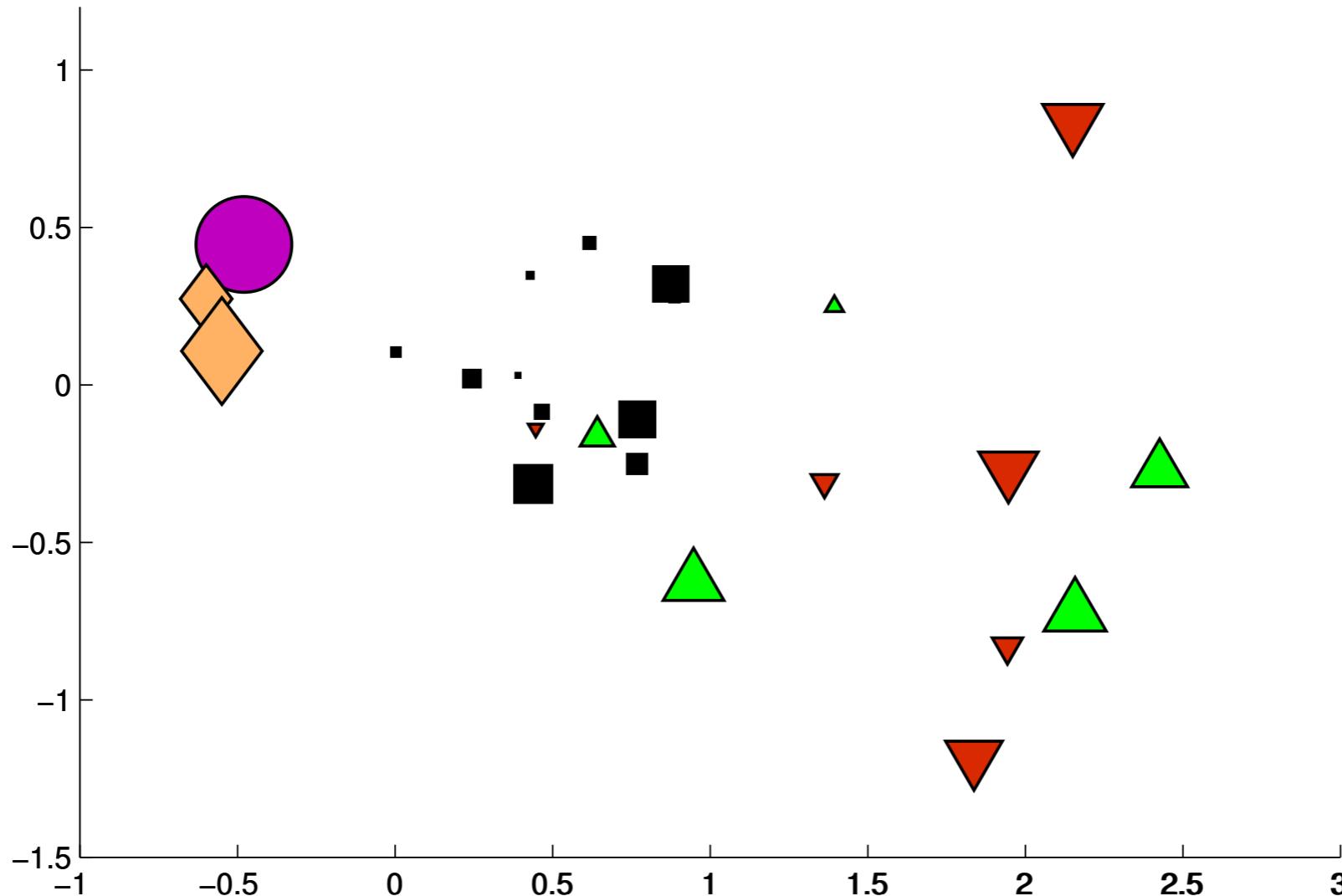
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- Exact solution (W_2) using MM-OT. [Agueh'11]



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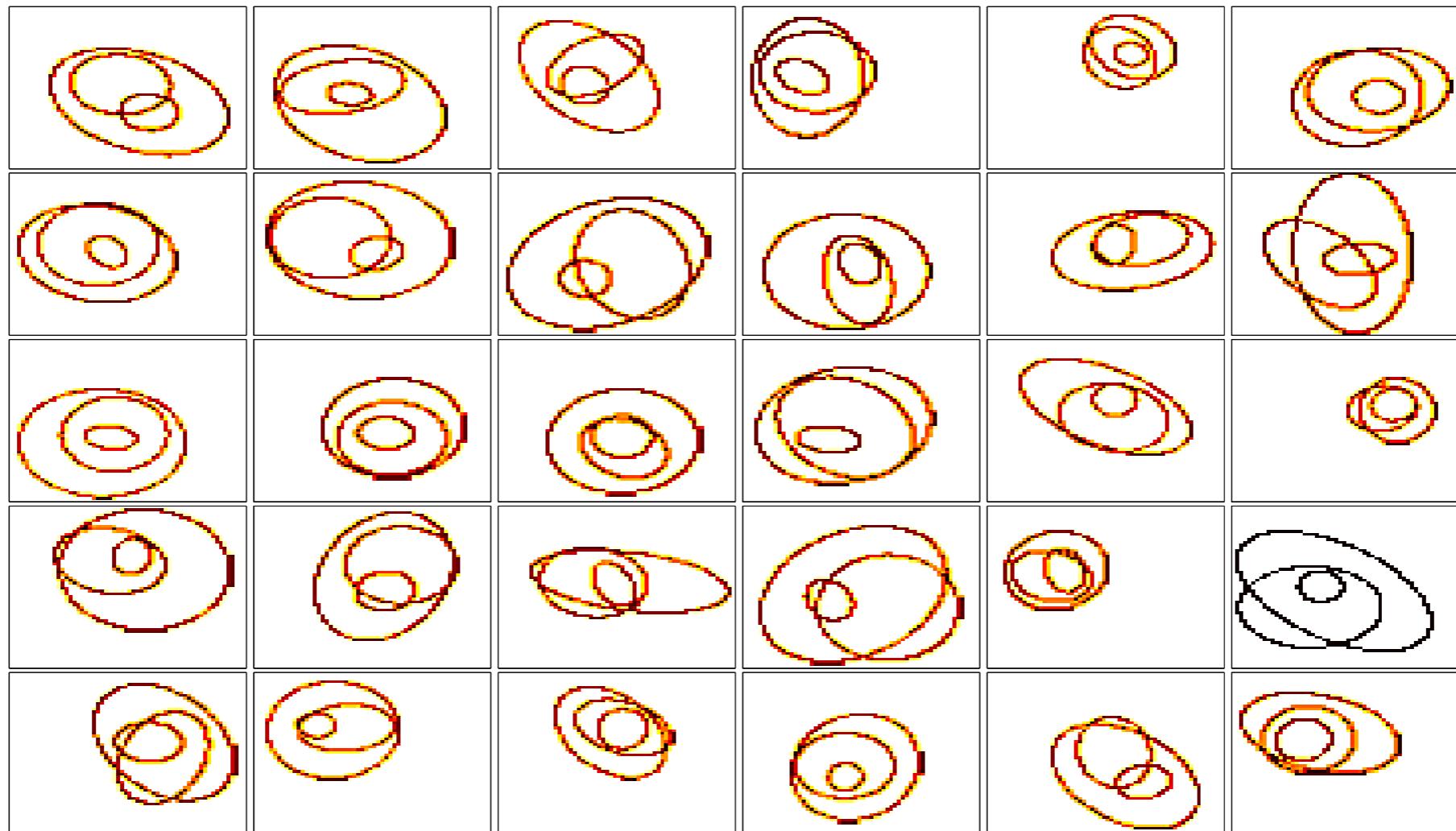
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$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{P_1, \dots, P_N, \mathbf{a}} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \langle \mathbf{P}_i, M \rangle \\ \text{s.t. } & \mathbf{P}_i^T \mathbf{1}_n = \mathbf{b}_i, \forall i \leq N, \\ & \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{1}_n = \dots = \mathbf{P}_N \mathbf{1}_d = \mathbf{a}. \end{aligned}$$

If $|\Omega| = n$, LP of size $(Nn^2, (2N - 1)n)$.

Primal Descent on Regularized W

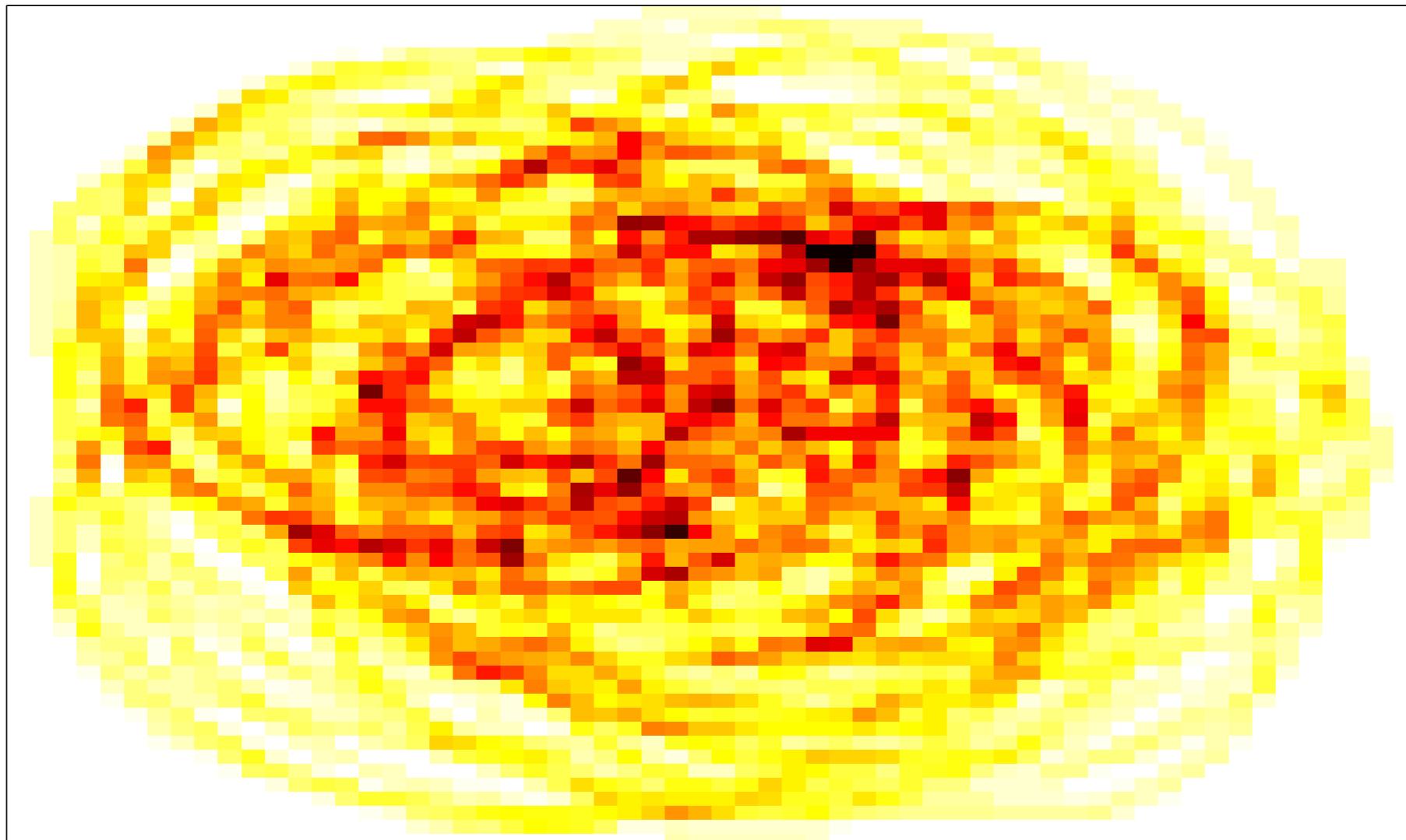
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[Cuturi'14]

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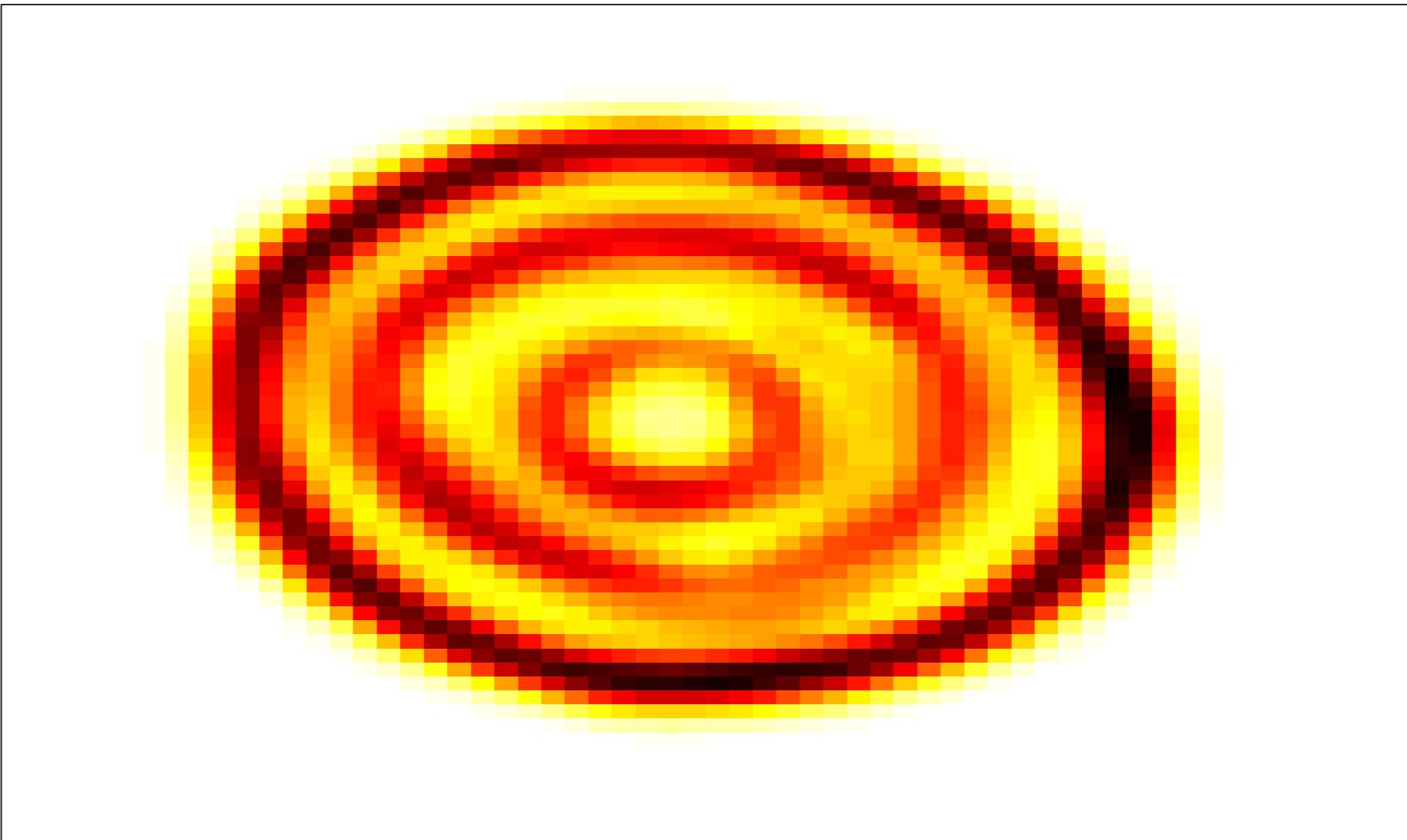
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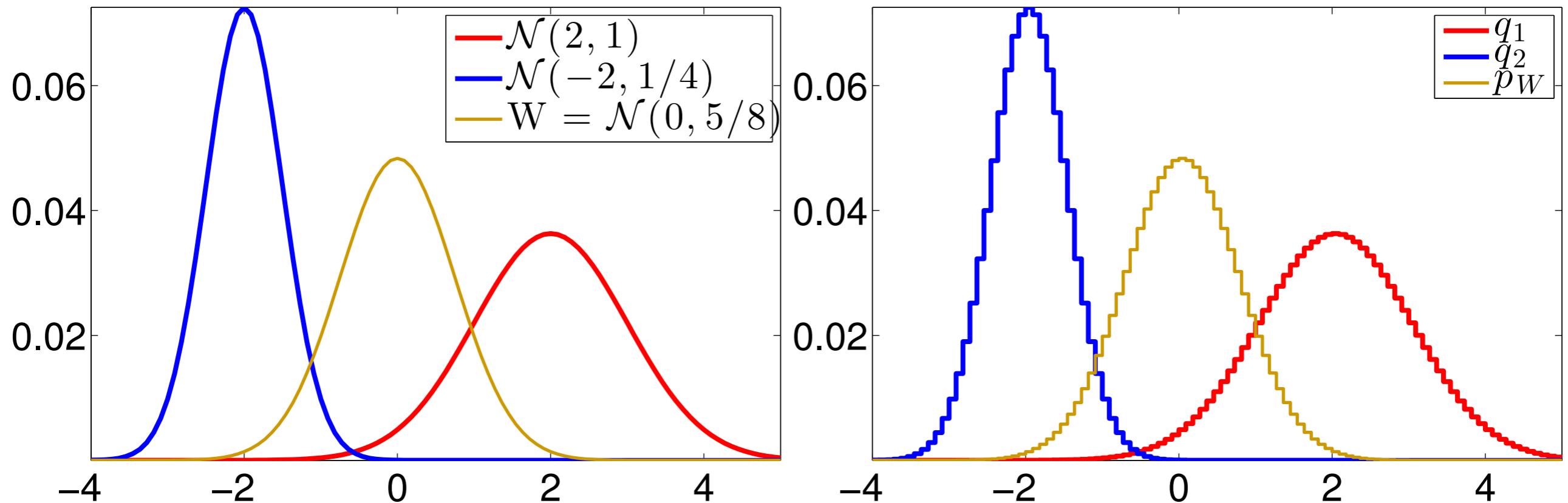
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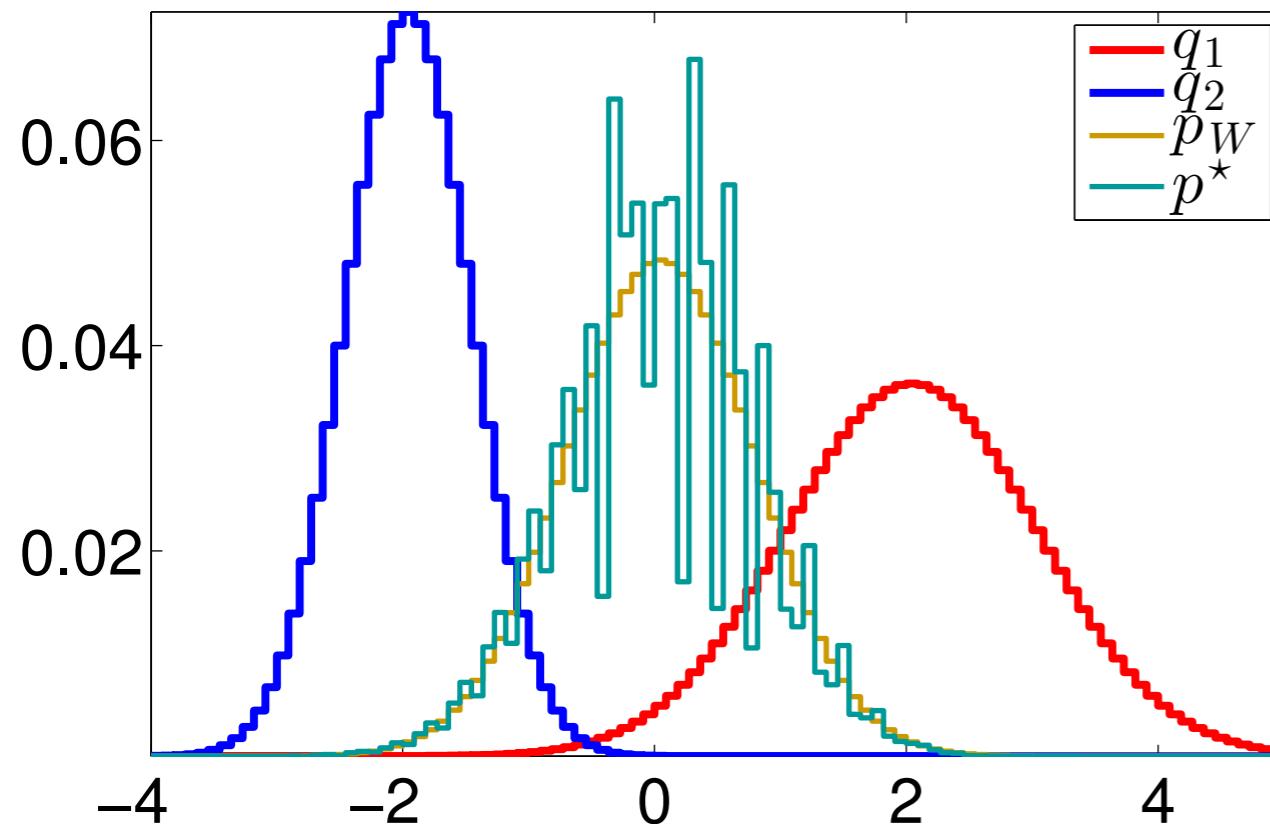


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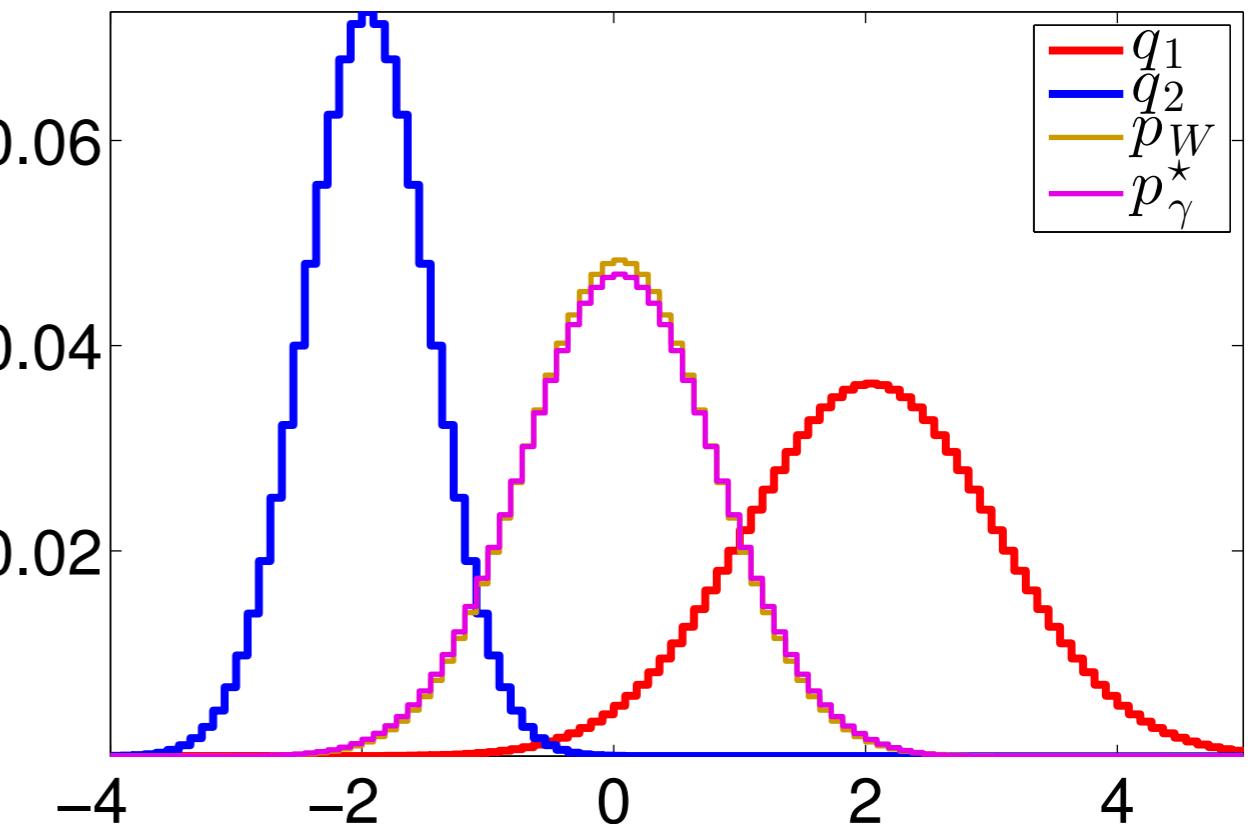
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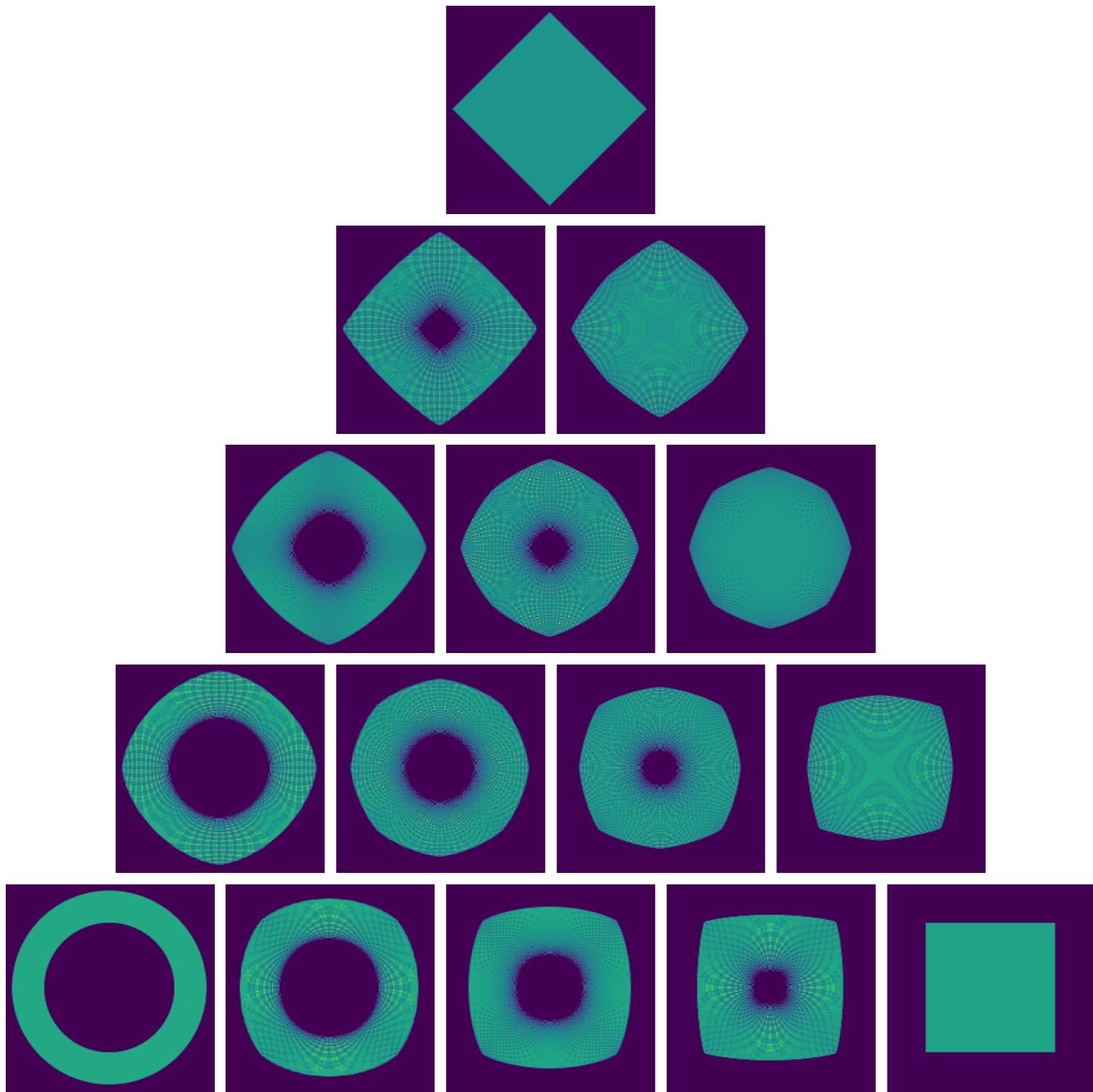


True barycenter



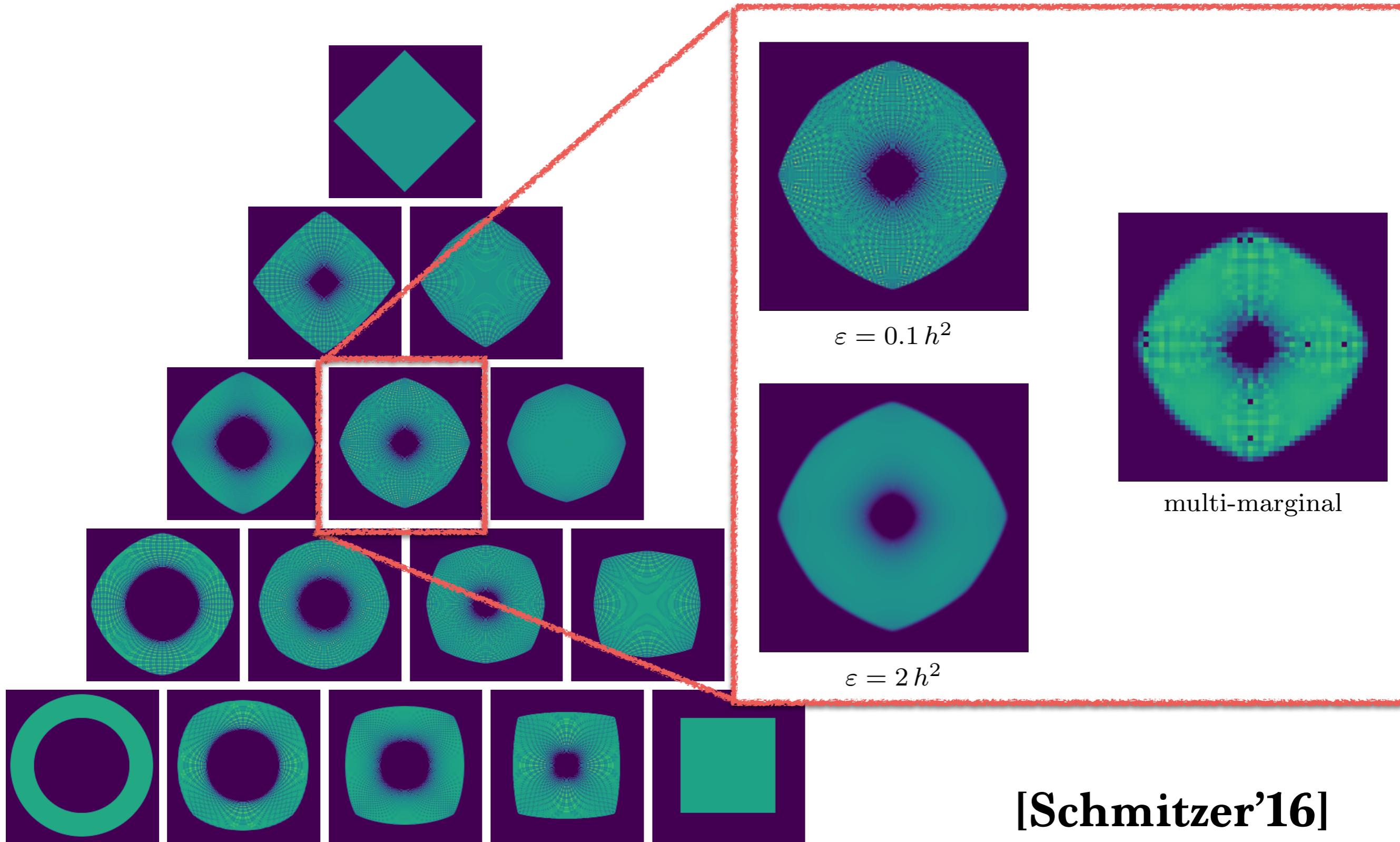
*Barycenter using
regularized OT*

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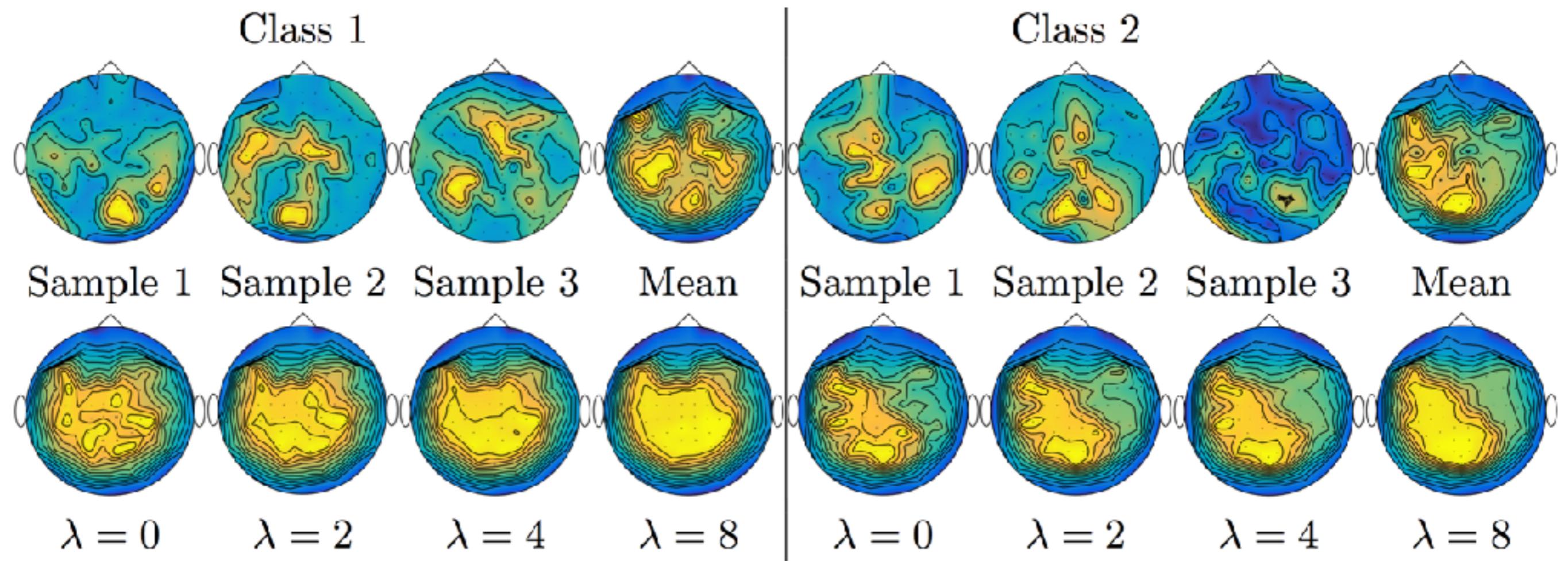
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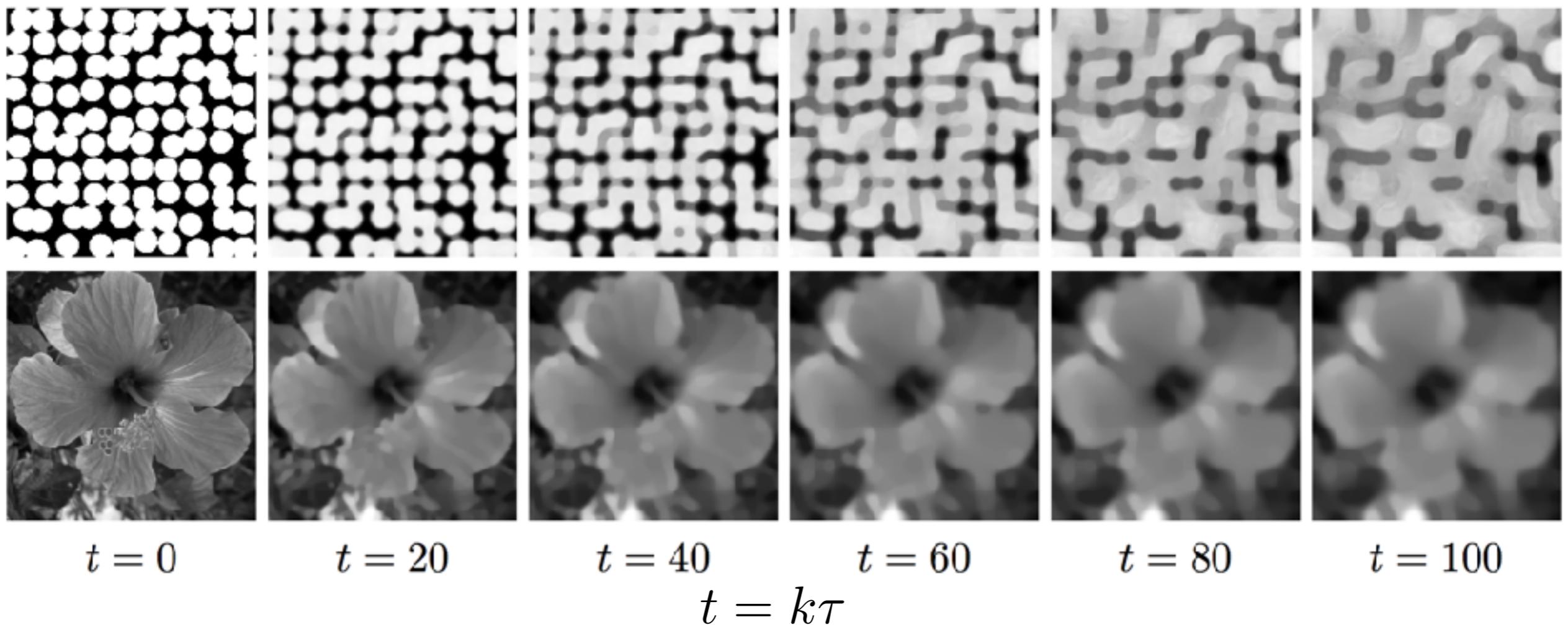
Duality: Regularized Barycenters

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)} \sum_{i=1}^N W_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_i) + \lambda \text{TV}(\boldsymbol{\mu})$$



Duality: TV Gradient Flow

$$\mu_{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)} W_\gamma(\mu, \mu_k) + \tau \operatorname{TV}(\mu)$$



Regularized OT as KL Projection

$$\begin{aligned}\text{KL}(P \mid \textcolor{red}{K}) &= \sum_{ij} P_{ij} \log (P_{ij} / \textcolor{red}{K}_{ij}) \\ \langle P, M_{\textcolor{red}{X} \textcolor{blue}{Y}} \rangle - \gamma E(P) &= \gamma \text{KL}(P \mid \textcolor{red}{K})\end{aligned}$$

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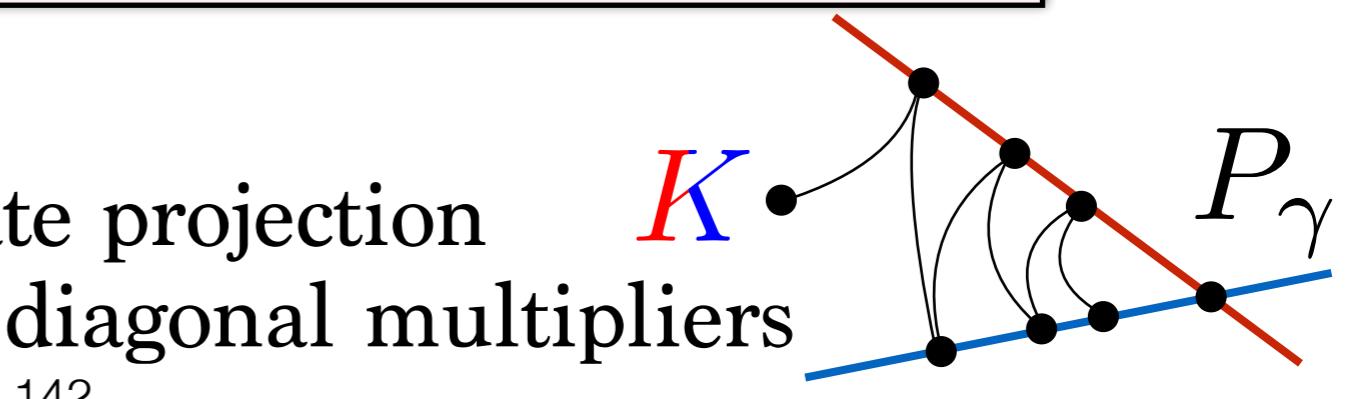
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1. Sinkhorn = Dykstra's alternate projection
2. Only need to store & update diagonal multipliers



Wasserstein Barycenter = KL Projections

$$\langle P, M_{\mathbf{XY}} \rangle - \gamma E(P) = \gamma \mathbf{KL}(P \mid \textcolor{blue}{K})$$

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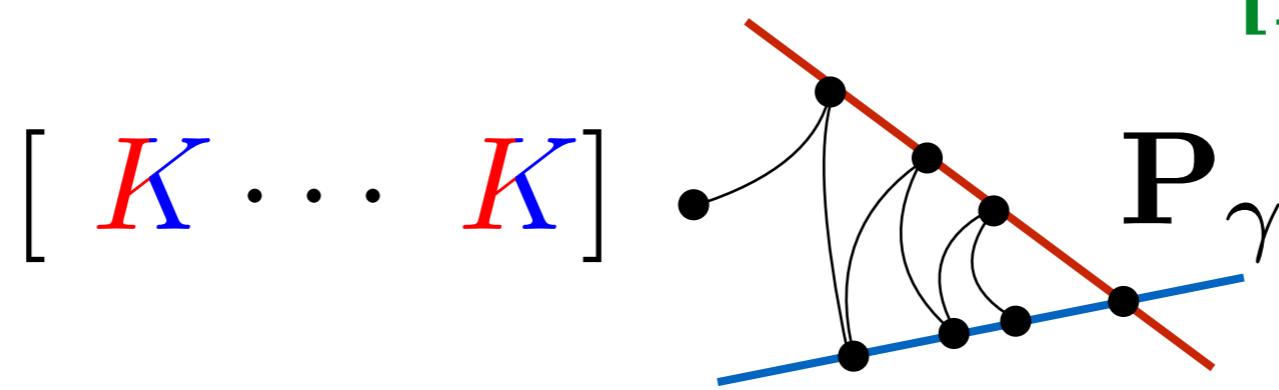
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[BCCNP'15]



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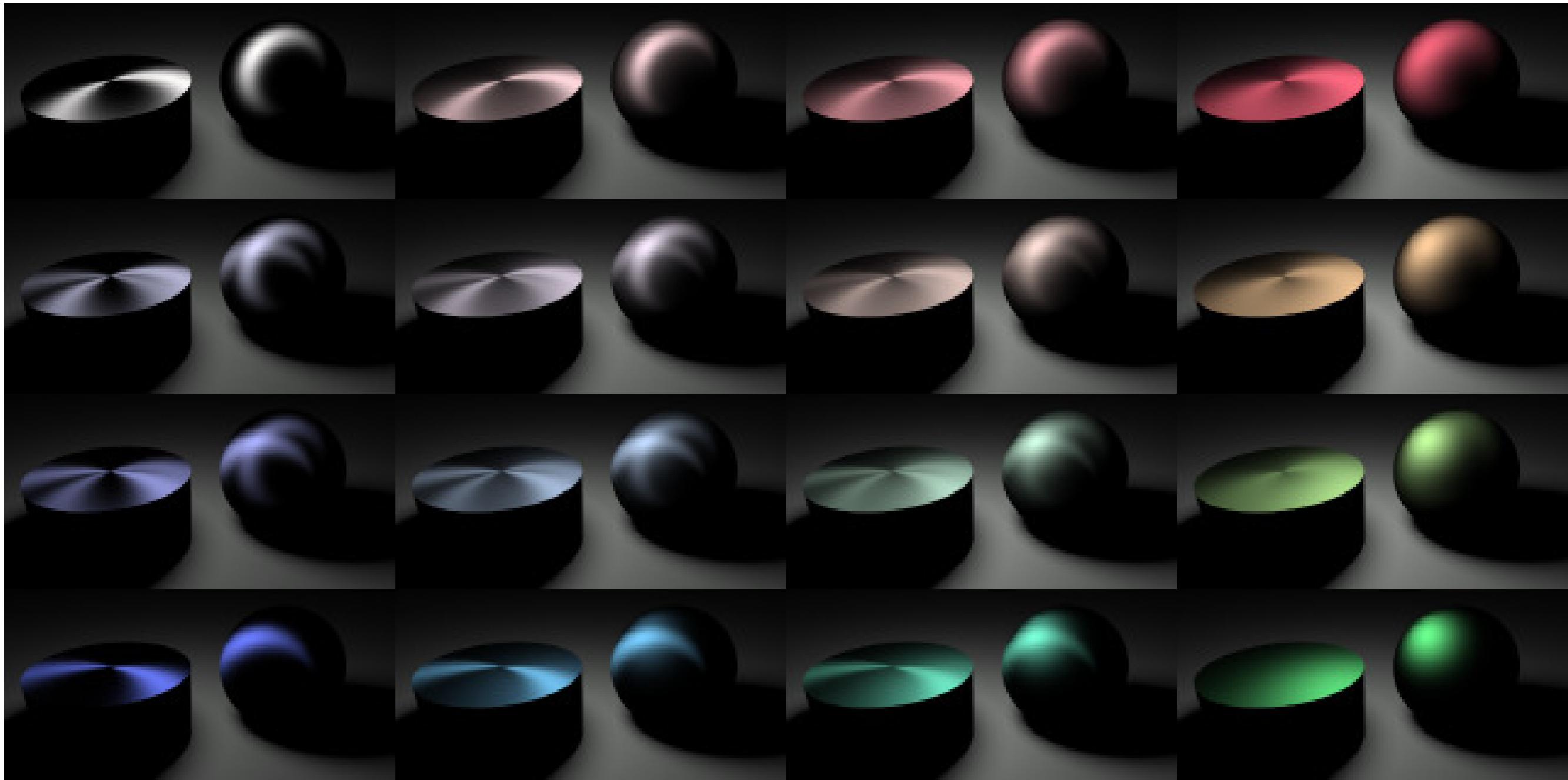
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u=ones(size(B)); % d x N matrix  
while not converged
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v=u.*(K'*(B./(K*u))); % 2(Nd^2) cost  
u=bsxfun(@times,u,exp(log(v)*weights))./v;  
end  
 $\mathbf{a}=\text{mean}(\mathbf{v}, 2);$ 
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[BCCNP'15]

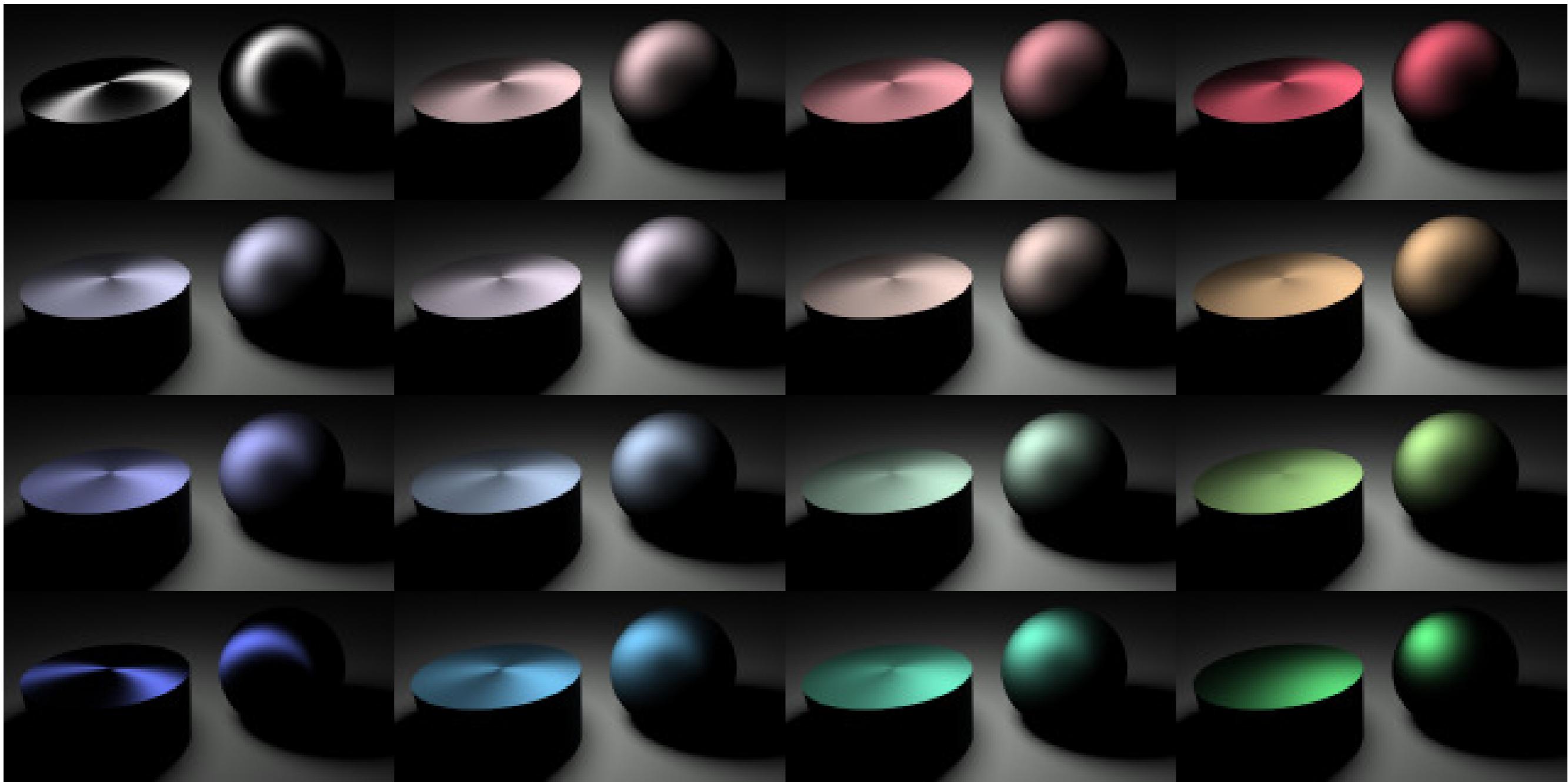
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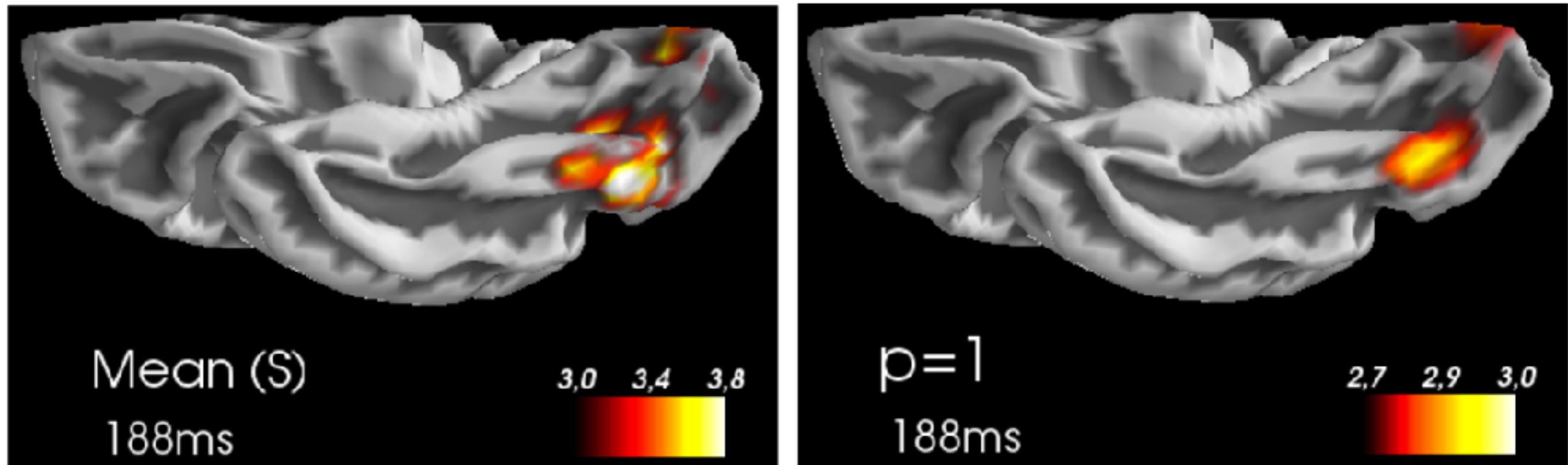
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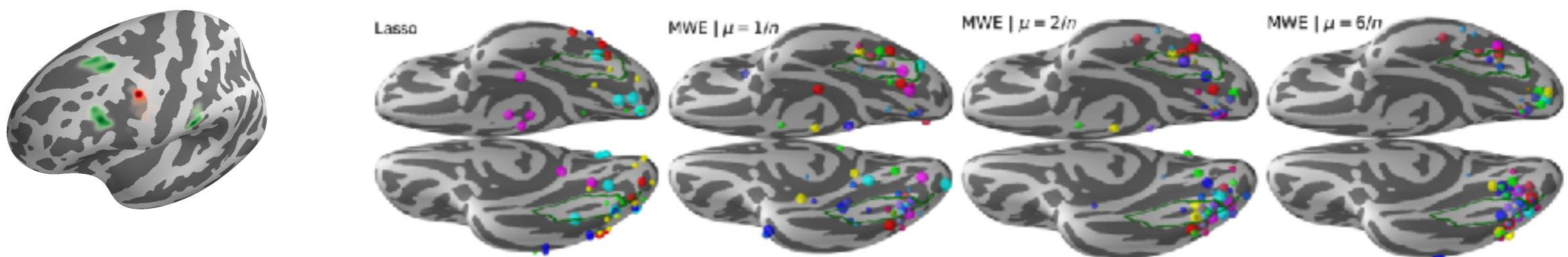


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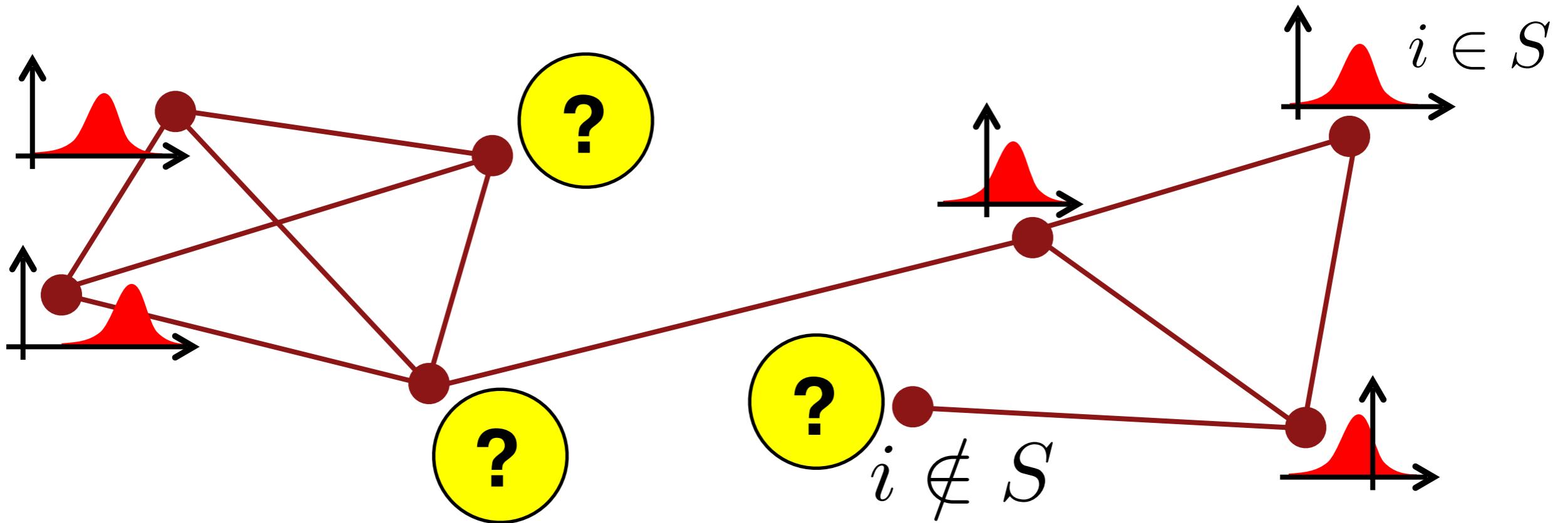
Applications: Brain Imaging



[Gramfort+'14][Janati'+19a,b]



Wasserstein Propagation



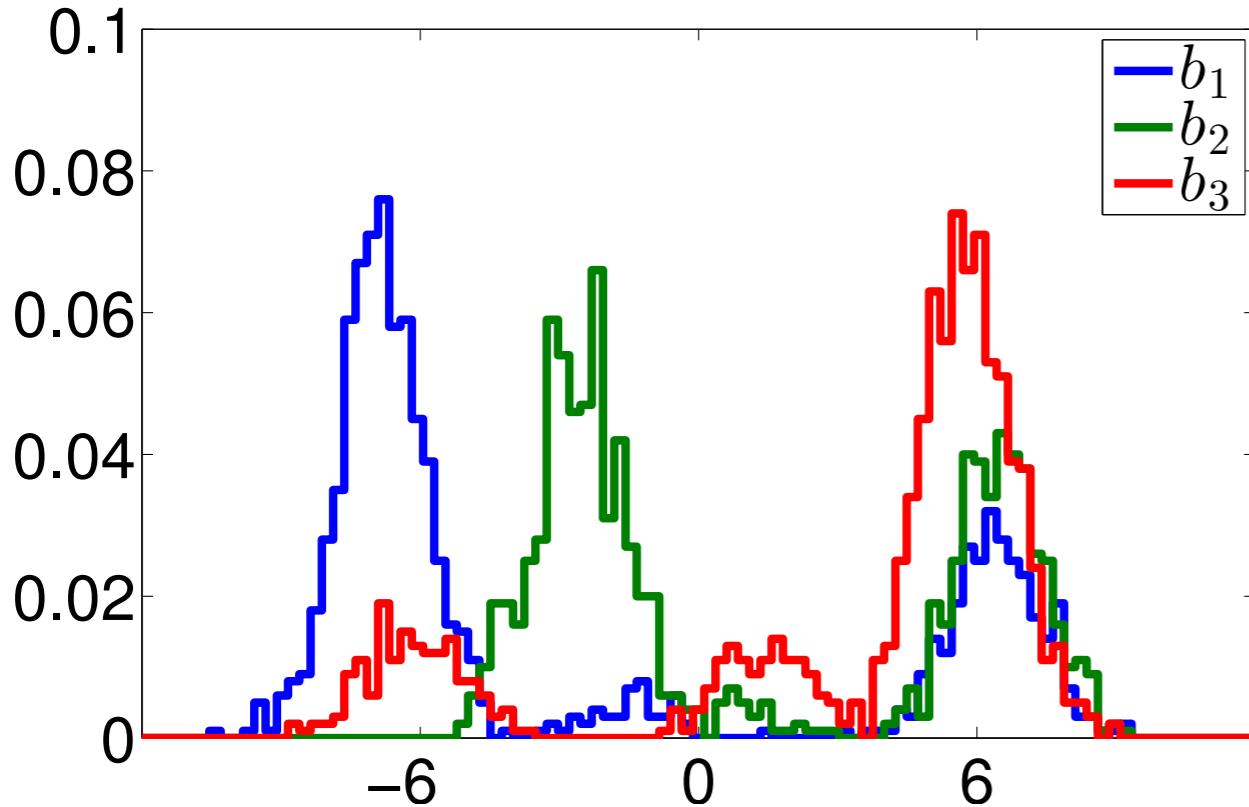
$$\min_{\substack{\mu_i \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \\ \mu_i \text{ fixed for } i \in S}} \sum_{(e_1, e_2) \in E} W_2^2(\mu_{e_1}, \mu_{e_2})$$

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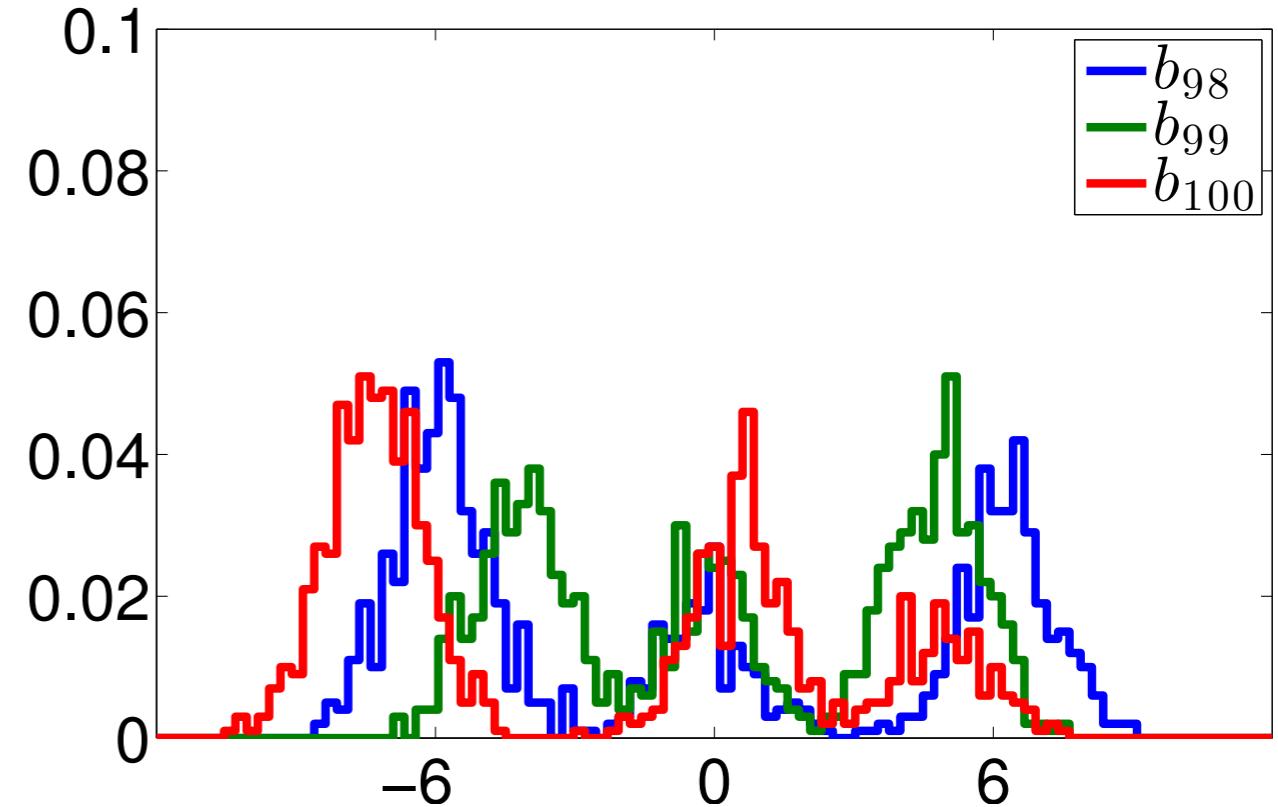
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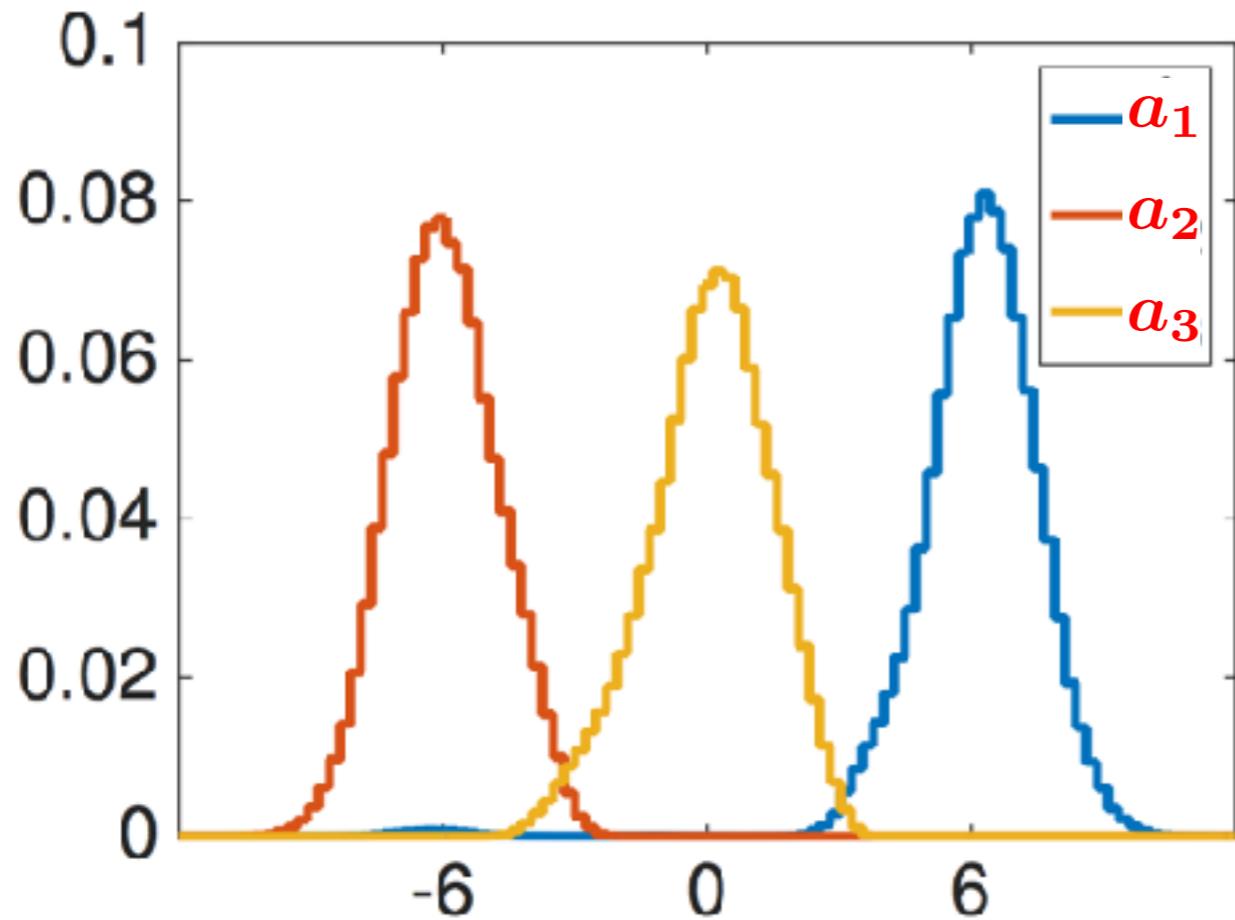


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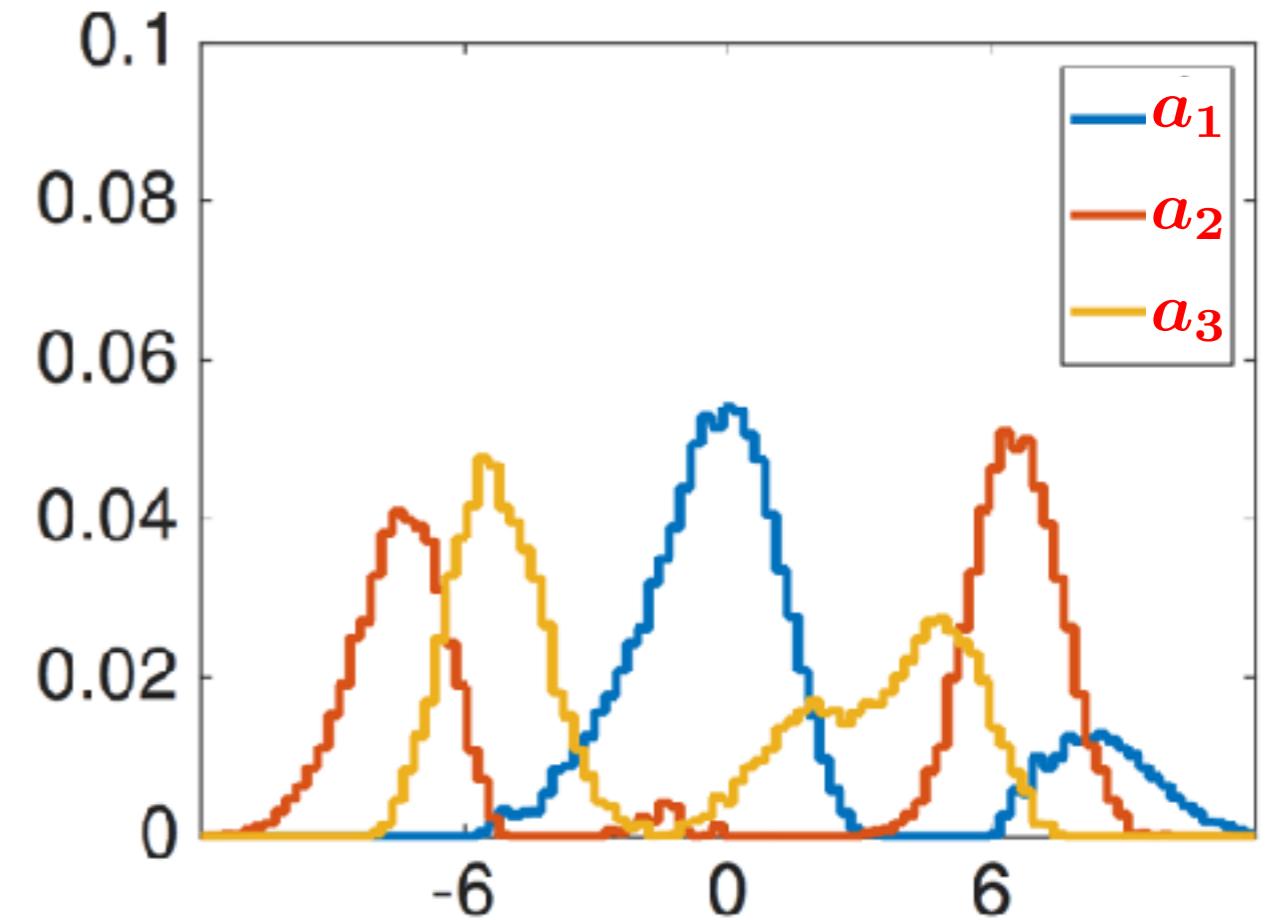
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Wasserstein NMF



KL NMF



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OT Dictionary Learning

- [Hoffman'98] proposed to learn dictionaries (topics) for text, seen as histograms-of-words.

$$\Omega = \{\text{words}\}, \quad |\Omega| \approx 13,000$$

- Vector embeddings for words [Mikolov'13]
[Pennington'14] defines geometry:
$$D(\text{public}, \text{car}) = \|x_{\text{public}} - x_{\text{car}}\|^2$$
- Data: 7,034 Reuters, 737 BBC sports news articles

Topic Models

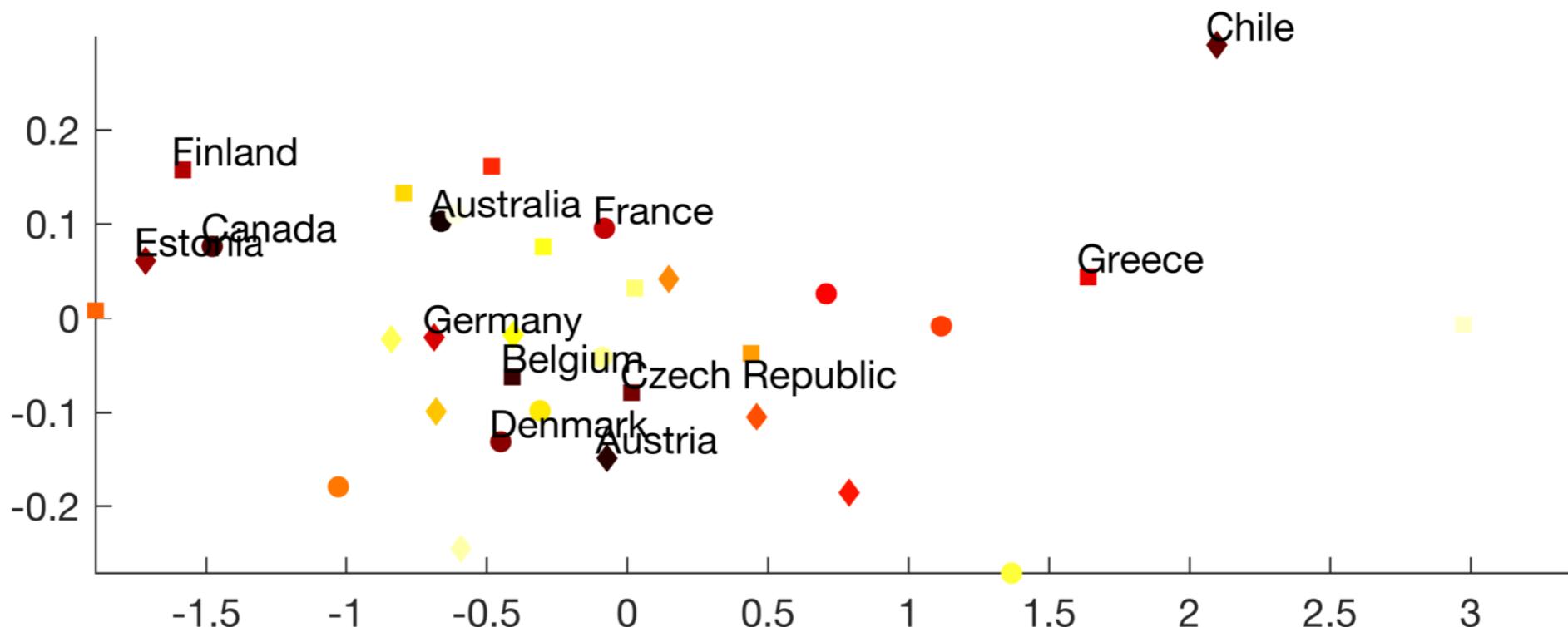


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Elliptical Embeddings

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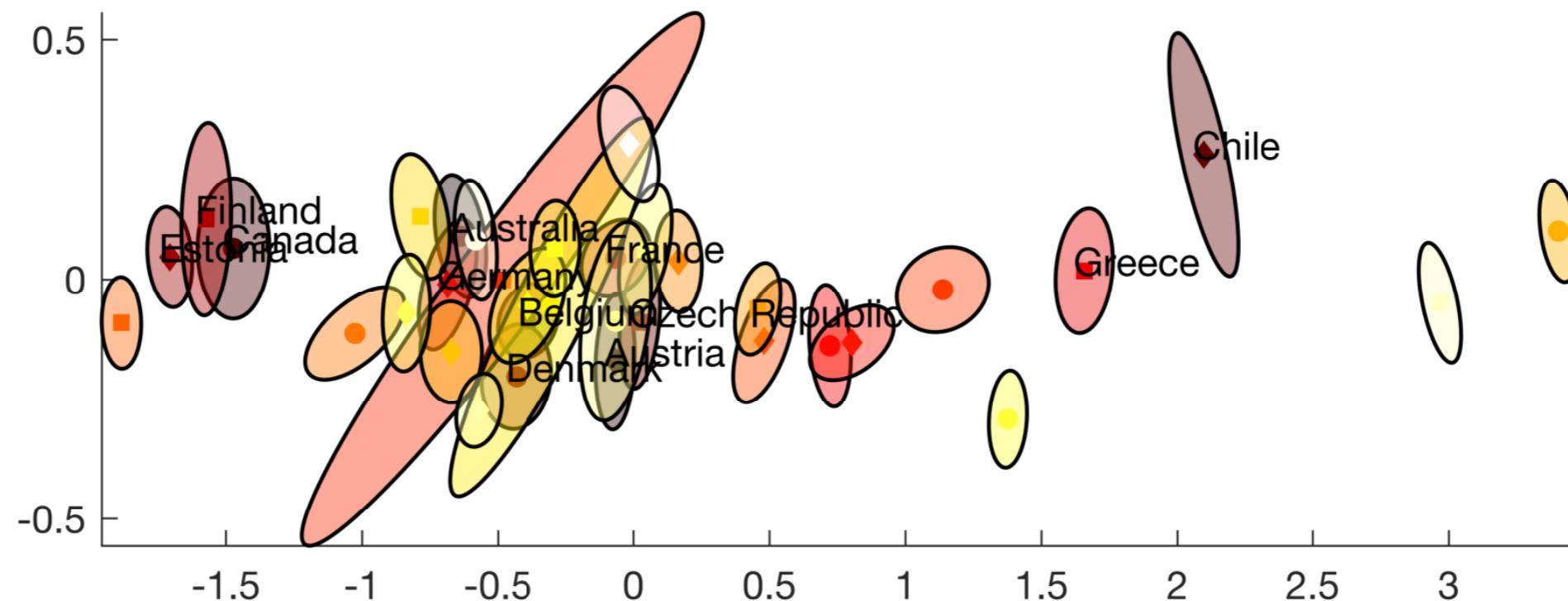
embed a metric space in R^2



Elliptical Embeddings

Multidimensional Scaling [MDS]

embed a metric space in elliptical distributions in $P(\mathbb{R}^2)$, W_2



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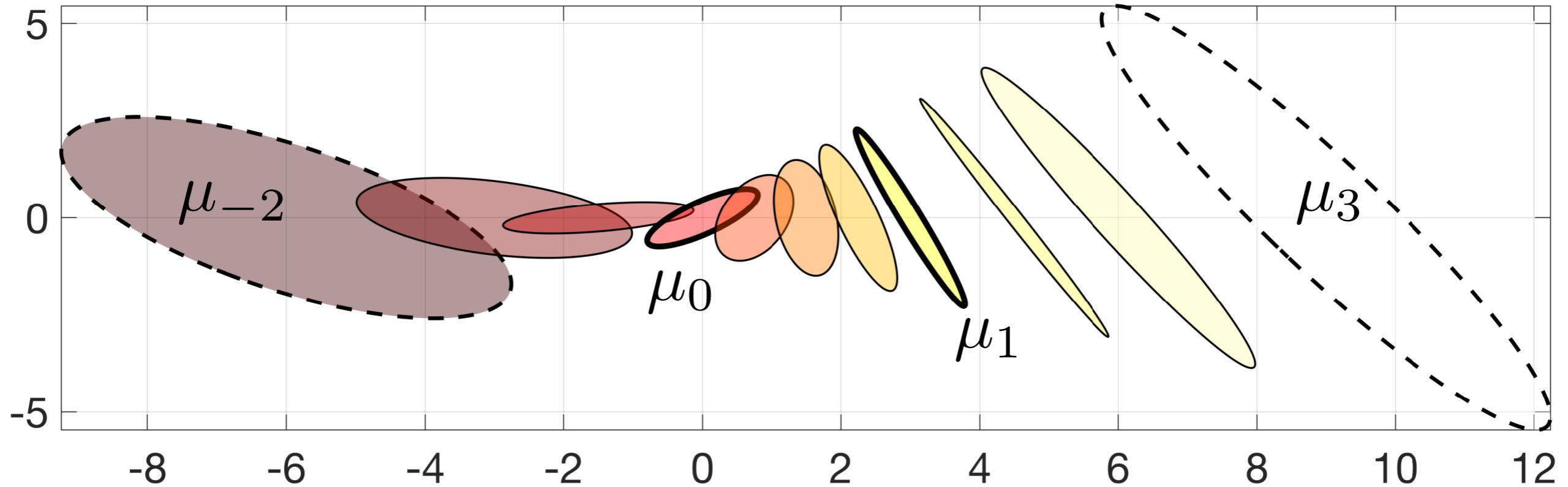
$$\text{if } X \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \Sigma) \text{ then } Y := CX + b \sim \mathcal{N}(Cm + b, C\Sigma C^T).$$

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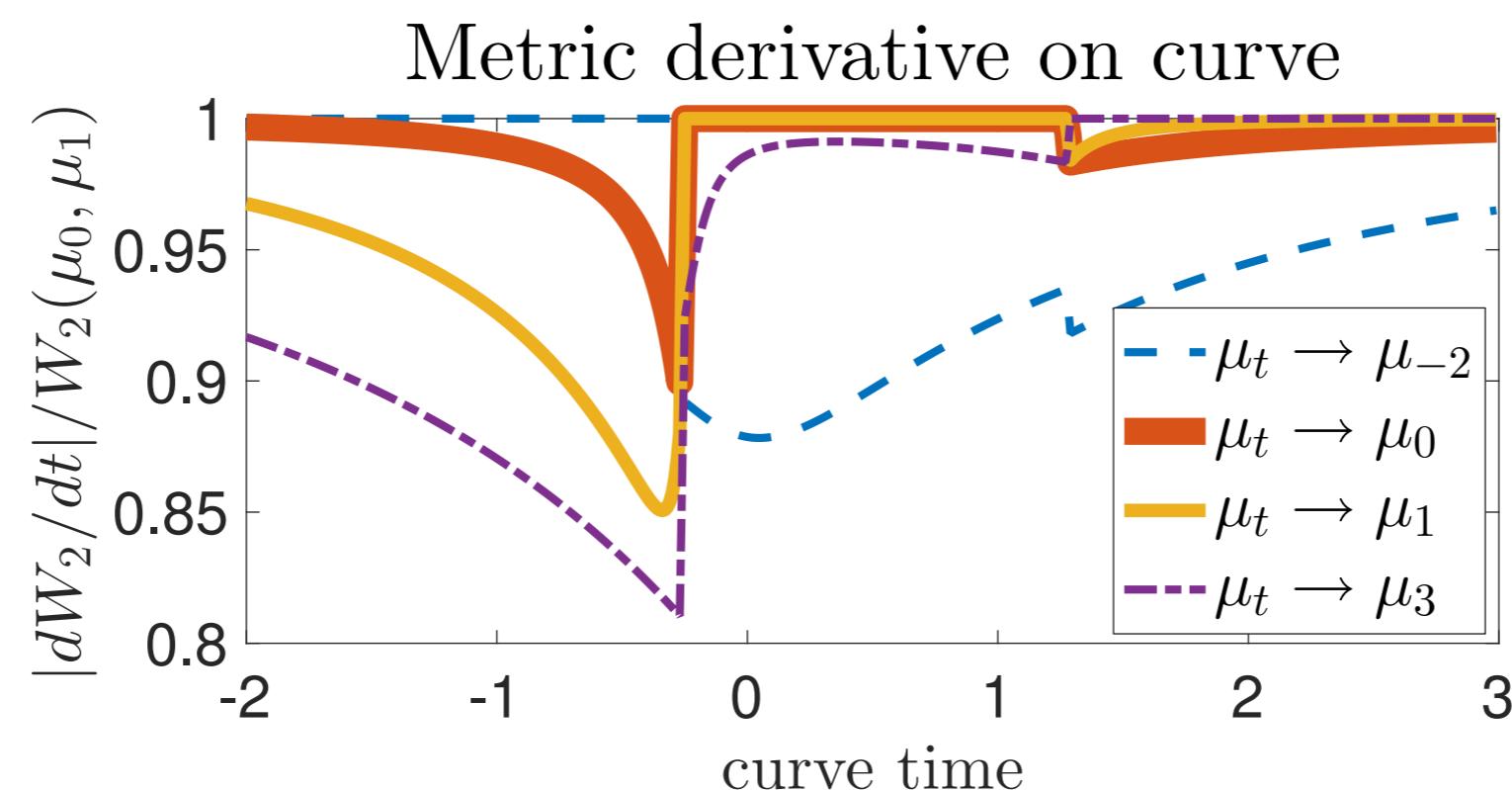
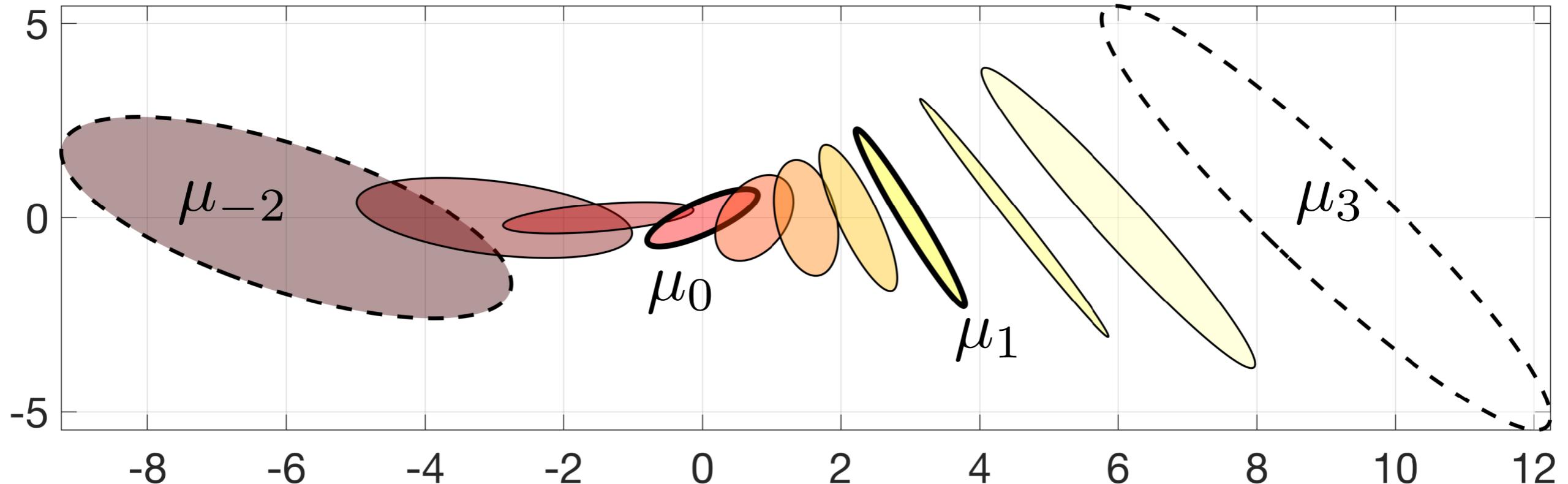
W_2 geodesic $(\mu_t)_t$ from μ_0 to μ_1 ($t \in [0, 1]$) and extrapolation



$$\Sigma_{\textcolor{green}{t}} = ((1-t)I + tA)\Sigma_{\textcolor{red}{\mu}}((1-t)I + tA)$$

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Computations

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^T$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{L}} \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{B}^2(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{AB}}) \mathbf{L}$$

$$\mathbf{L}' = ((1 - \eta)\mathbf{I} + \eta \mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{AB}}) \mathbf{L}$$

Algorithm 1 Newton-Schulz

Input: PSD matrix \mathbf{A} , $\epsilon > 0$

$$\mathbf{Y} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{A}}{(1+\epsilon)\|\mathbf{A}\|}, \mathbf{Z} \leftarrow \mathbf{I}$$

while not converged **do**

$$\mathbf{T} \leftarrow (3\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{ZY})/2$$

$$\mathbf{Y} \leftarrow \mathbf{YT}$$

$$\mathbf{Z} \leftarrow \mathbf{TZ}$$

end while

$$\mathbf{Y} \leftarrow \sqrt{(1 + \epsilon)\|\mathbf{A}\|} \mathbf{Y}$$

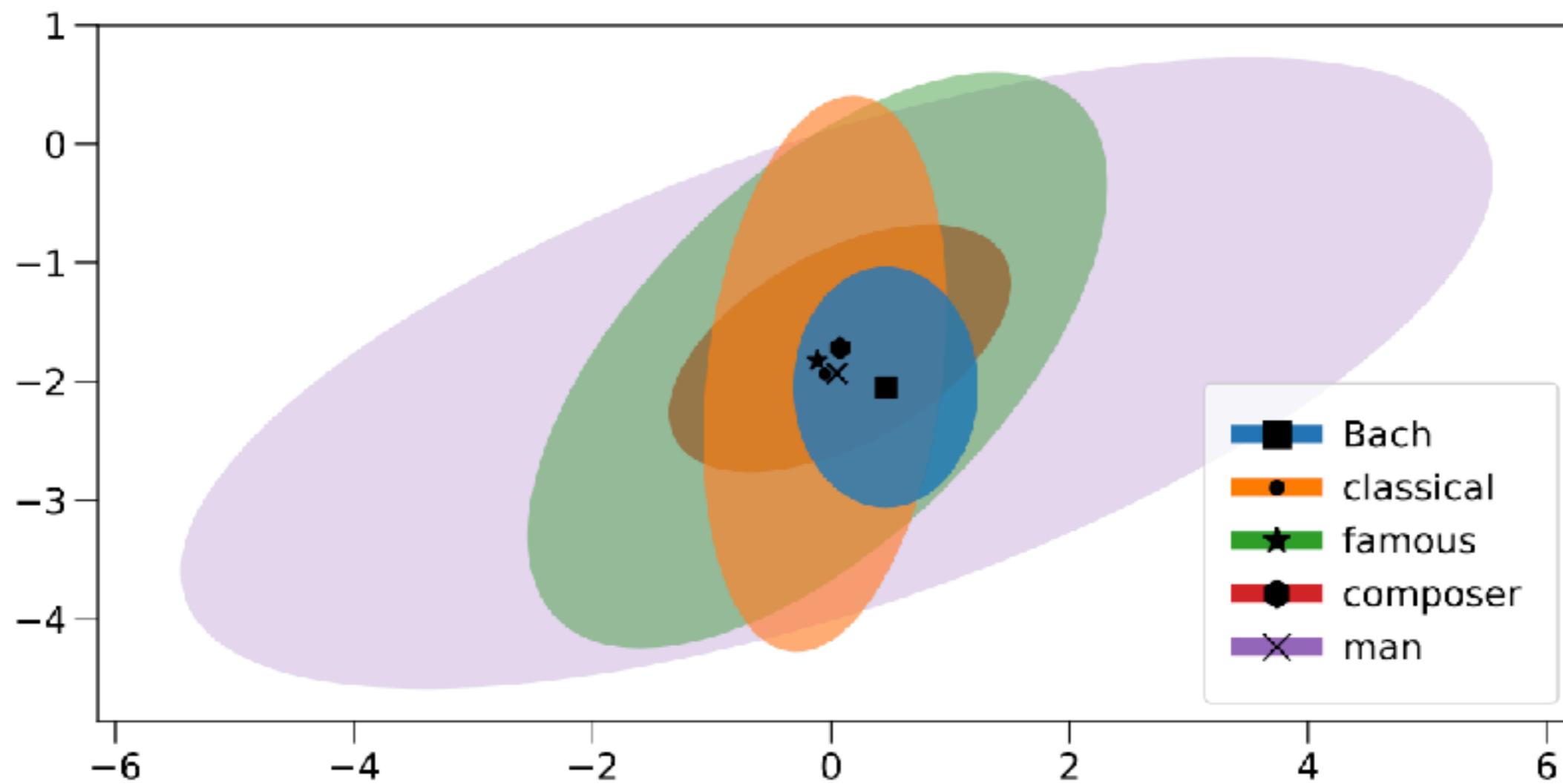
$$\mathbf{Z} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{Z}}{\sqrt{(1+\epsilon)\|\mathbf{A}\|}}$$

Output: square root \mathbf{Y} , inverse square root \mathbf{Z}

Elliptical Embeddings

Word Embeddings

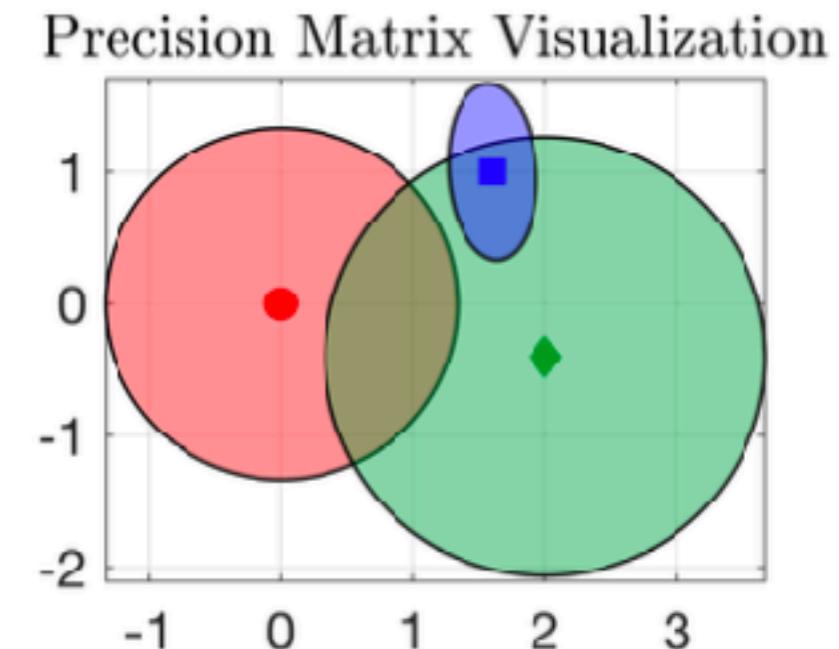
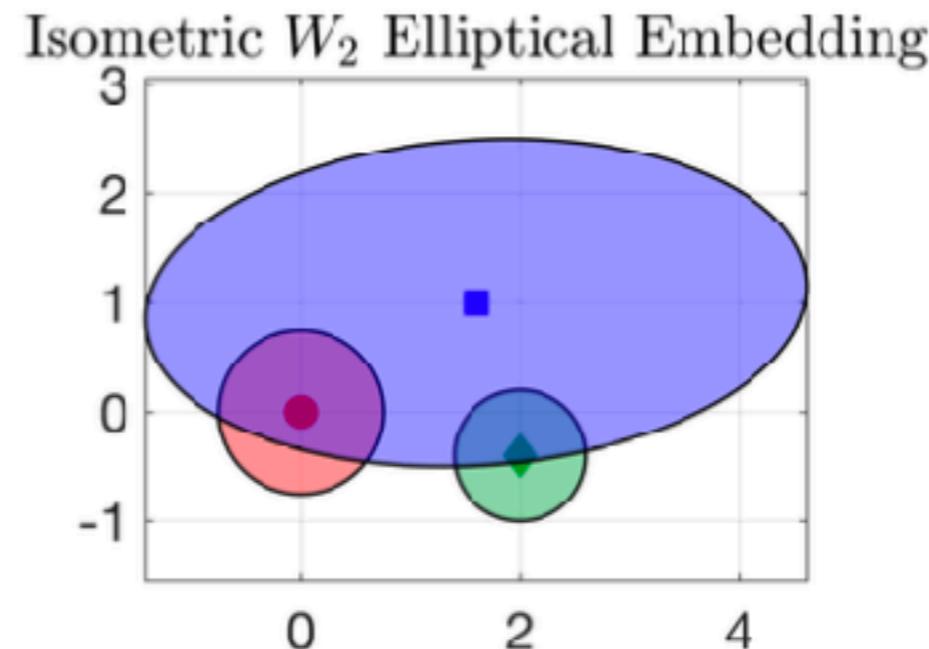
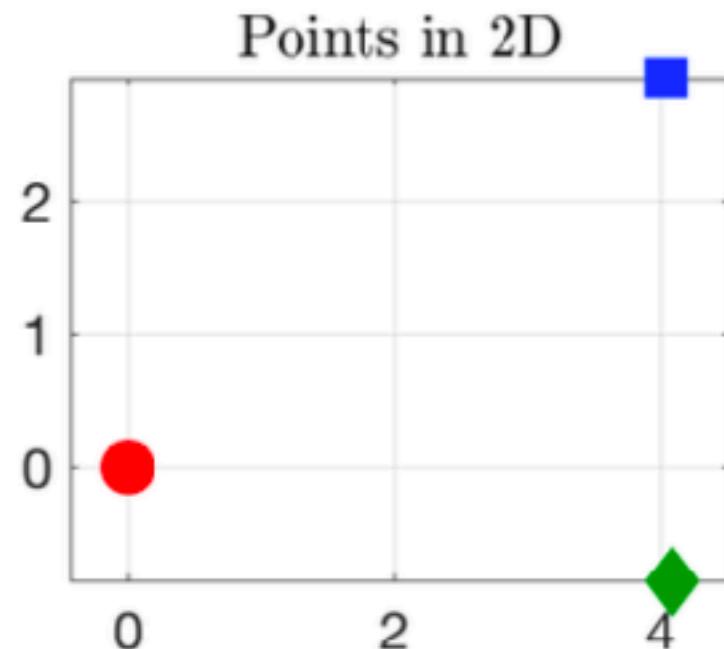
Compute elliptical distribution representations for Words



Elliptical Embeddings

Visualization issue

need to shift to precision matrix to recover intuition



Inverse Wasserstein Problems

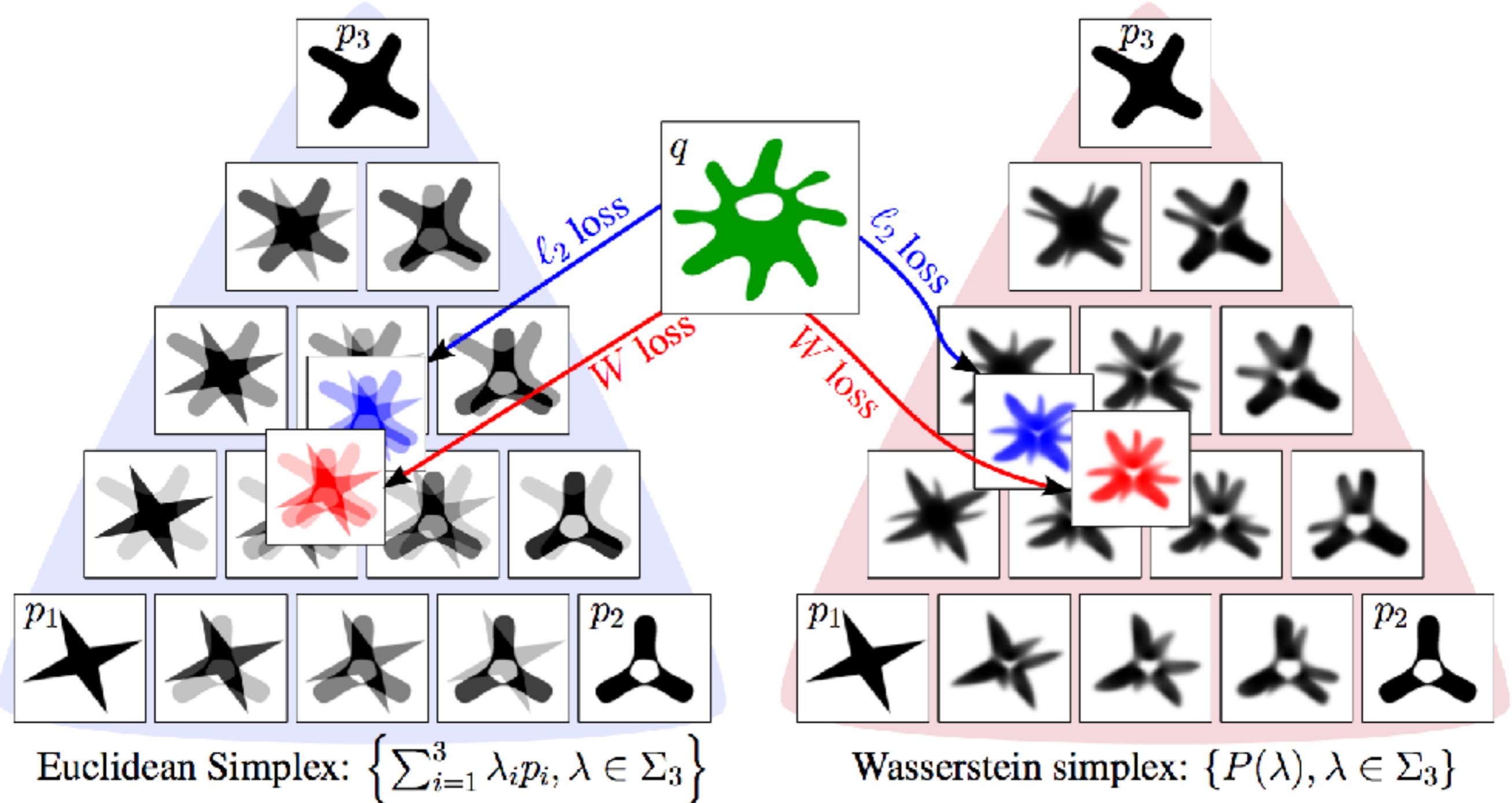
- consider Barycenter operator:

$$\mathbf{b}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \operatorname*{argmin}_{\mathbf{a}} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i W_\gamma(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}_i)$$

- address now **Wasserstein inverse problems**:

Given \mathbf{a} , find $\operatorname*{argmin}_{\lambda \in \Sigma_N} \mathcal{E}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Loss}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}(\lambda))$

Wasserstein Inverse Problems



Barycenters = Fixed Points

Prop. [BCCNP'15] Consider $\mathbf{B} \in \Sigma_d^N$ and let $\mathbf{U}_0 = \mathbf{1}_{d \times N}$, and then for $l \geq 0$:

$$\mathbf{b}^l \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exp \left(\log \left(K^T \mathbf{U}_l \right) \lambda \right); \begin{cases} \mathbf{V}_{l+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\mathbf{b}^l \mathbf{1}_N^T}{K^T \mathbf{U}_l}, \\ \mathbf{U}_{l+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\mathbf{B}}{K \mathbf{V}_{l+1}}. \end{cases}$$

Using Truncated Barycenters

- instead of using the exact barycenter

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda \in \Sigma_N} \mathcal{E}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Loss}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}(\lambda))$$

- use instead the L-iterate barycenter

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda \in \Sigma_N} \mathcal{E}^{(L)}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Loss}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}^{(L)}(\lambda))$$

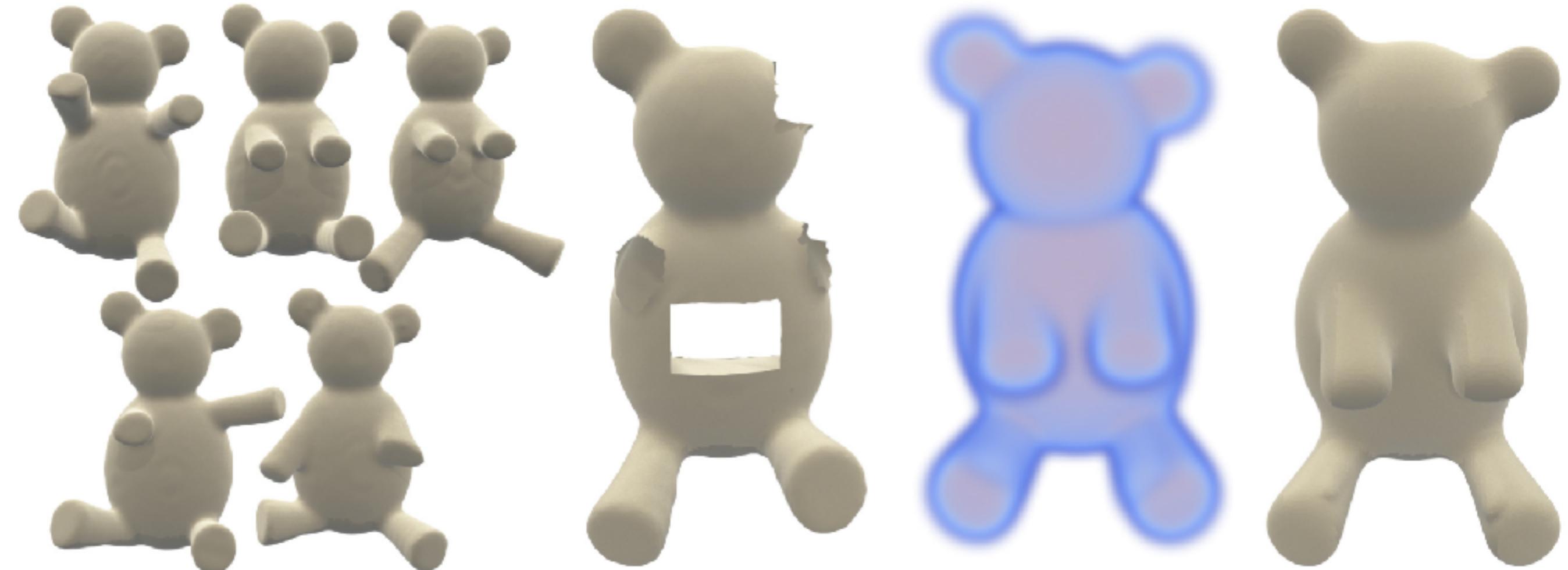
- Different using **the chain rule.**

$$\nabla \mathcal{E}^{(L)}(\lambda) = [\partial \mathbf{b}^{(L)}]^T(\mathbf{g}), \quad \mathbf{g} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \nabla \text{Loss}(\mathbf{a}, \cdot)|_{\mathbf{b}^{(L)}(\lambda)}.$$

Gradient / Barycenter Computation

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function SINKHORN-DIFFERENTIATE( $(p_s)_{s=1}^S, q, \lambda$ )
     $\forall s, b_s^{(0)} \leftarrow \mathbf{1}$ 
     $(w, r) \leftarrow (0^S, 0^{S \times N})$ 
    for  $\ell = 1, 2, \dots, L$       // Sinkhorn loop
         $\forall s, \varphi_s^{(\ell)} \leftarrow K^\top \frac{p_s}{Kb_s^{(\ell-1)}}$ 
         $p \leftarrow \prod_s \left( \varphi_s^{(\ell)} \right)^{\lambda_s}$ 
         $\forall s, b_s^{(\ell)} \leftarrow \frac{p}{\varphi_s^{(\ell)}}$ 
         $g \leftarrow \nabla \mathcal{L}(p, q) \odot p$ 
    for  $\ell = L, L-1, \dots, 1$       // Reverse loop
         $\forall s, w_s \leftarrow w_s + \langle \log \varphi_s^{(\ell)}, g \rangle$ 
         $\forall s, r_s \leftarrow -K^\top \left( K \left( \frac{\lambda_s g - r_s}{\varphi_s^{(\ell)}} \right) \odot \frac{p_s}{(Kb_s^{(\ell-1)})^2} \right) \odot b_s^{(\ell-1)}$ 
         $g \leftarrow \sum_s r_s$ 
    return  $P^{(L)}(\lambda) \leftarrow p, \nabla \mathcal{E}_L(\lambda) \leftarrow w$ 
```

Application: Volume Reconstruction



Shape database
 (p_1, \dots, p_5)

Input shape q

Projection
 $P(\lambda)$

Iso-surface

[Bonneel'16]

Application: Color Grading



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$$\lambda_0 = 0.03$$



$$\lambda_1 = 0.12$$



$$\lambda_2 = 0.40$$

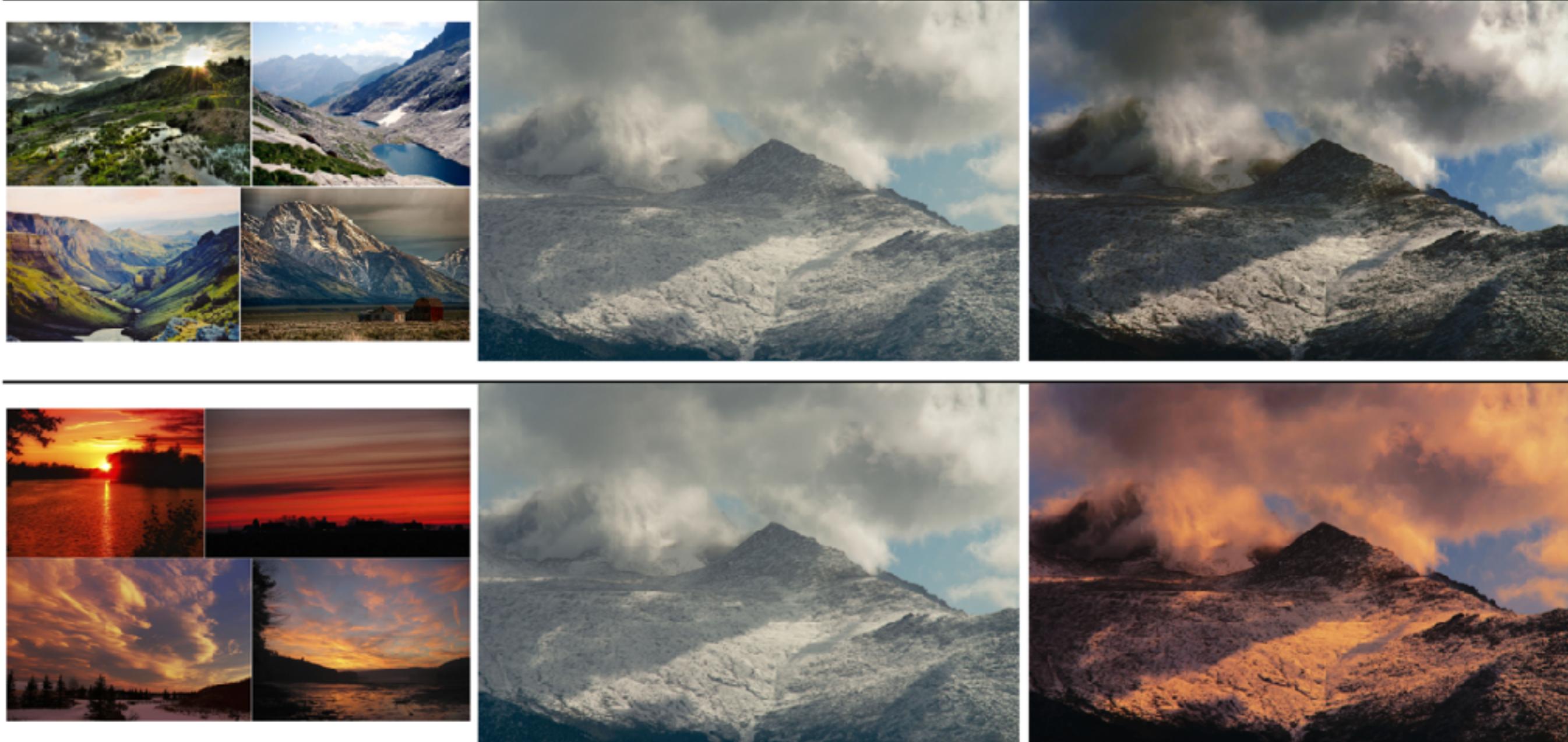


$$\lambda_3 = 0.43$$

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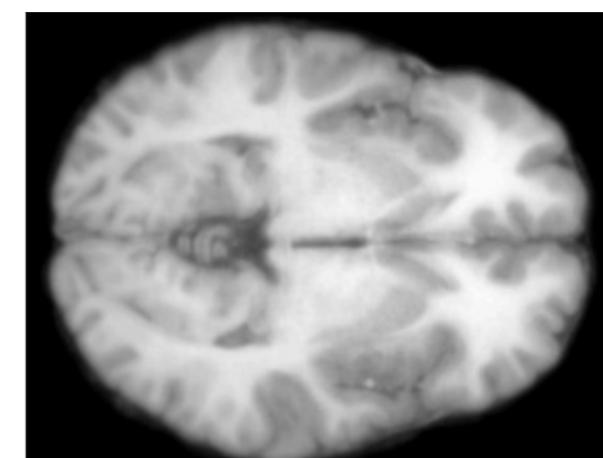
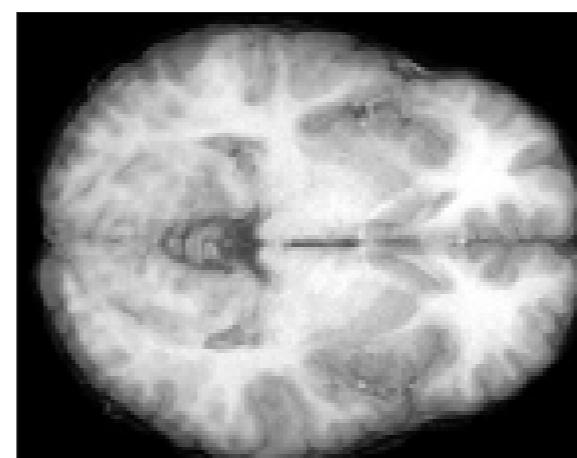
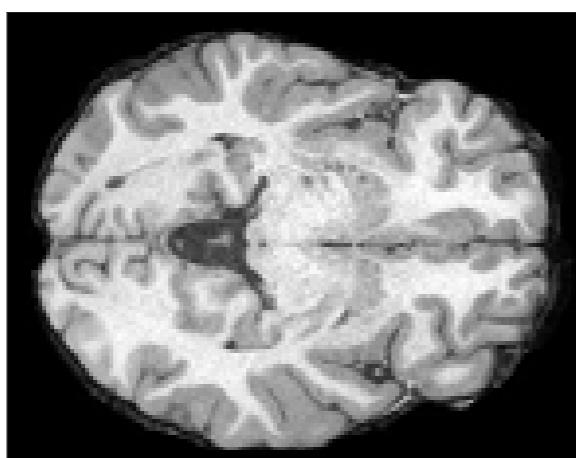
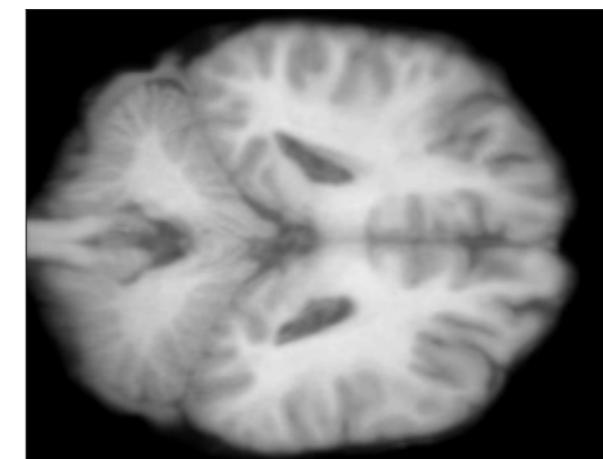
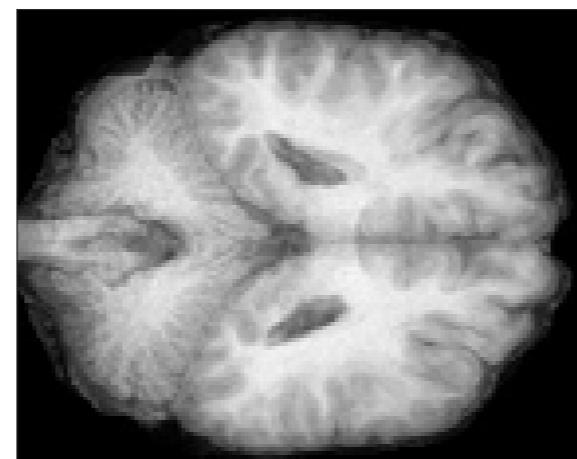
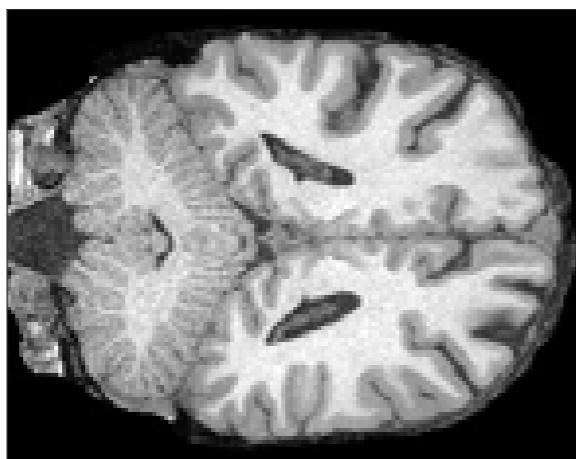
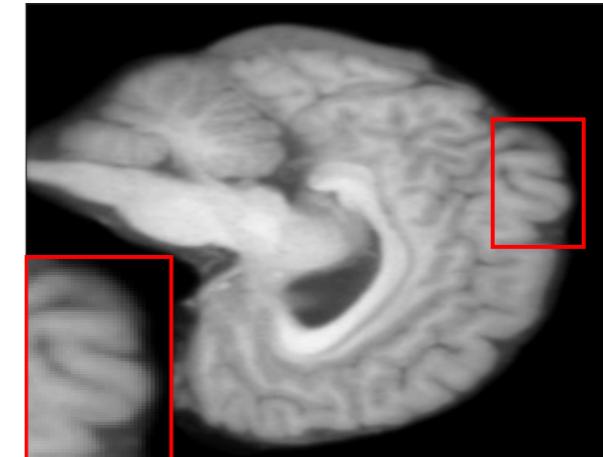
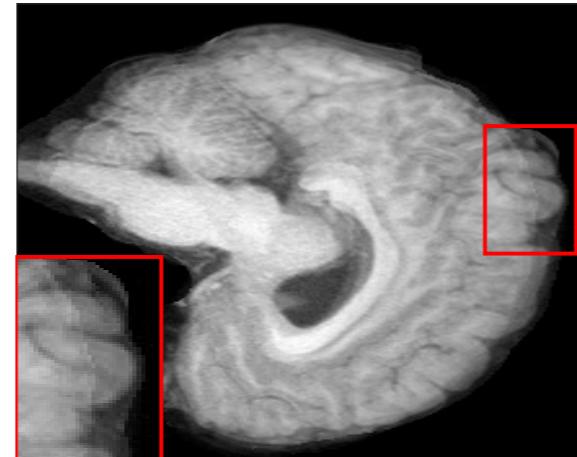
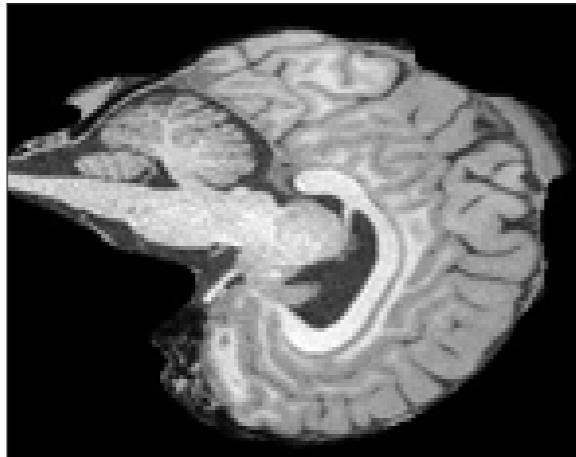
Application: Color Grading



*Wasserstein Barycentric Coordinates: Histogram
Regression using Optimal Transport, SIGGRAPH'16*

[BPC'16]

Application: Brain Mapping

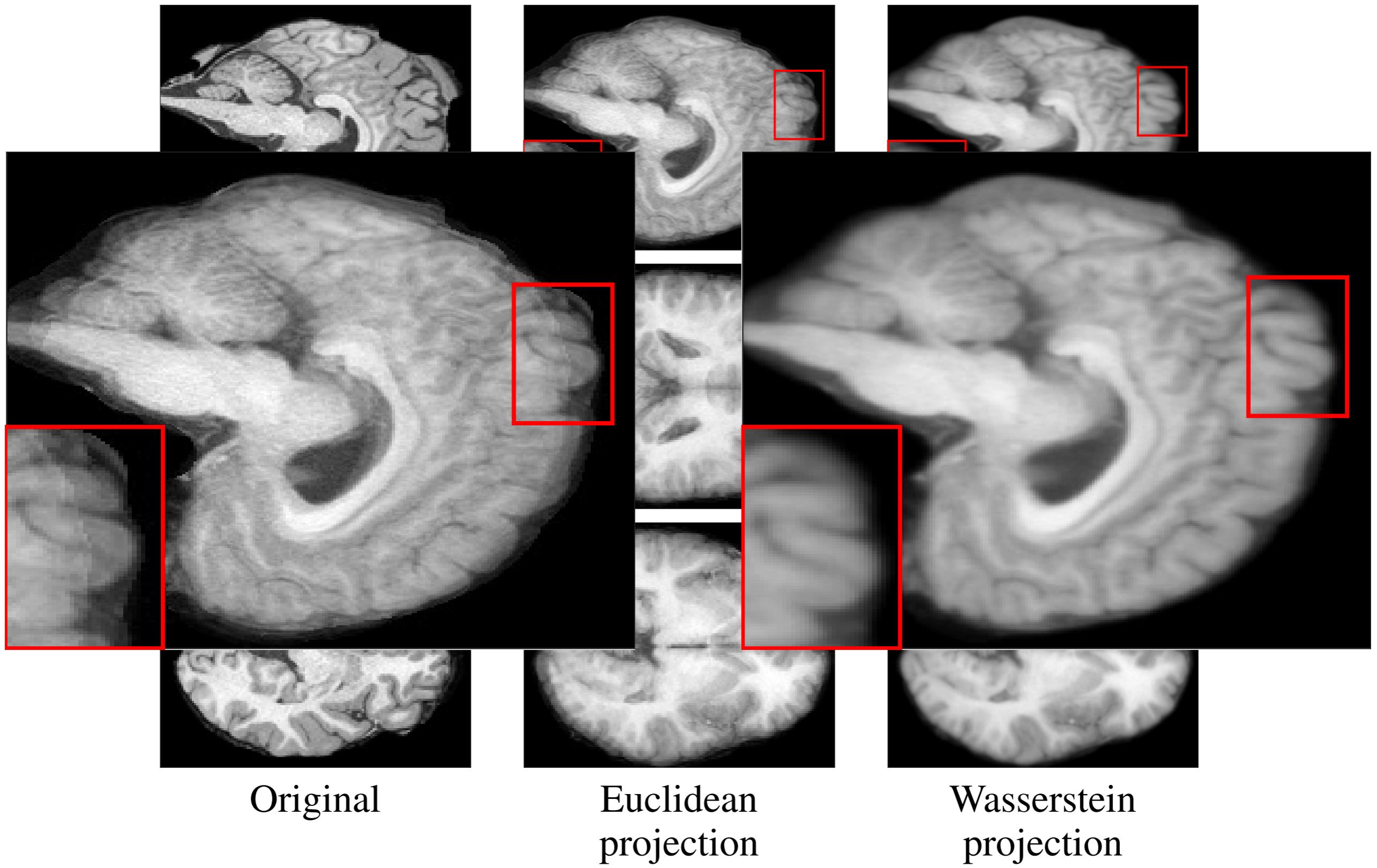


Original

Euclidean
projection

Wasserstein
projection

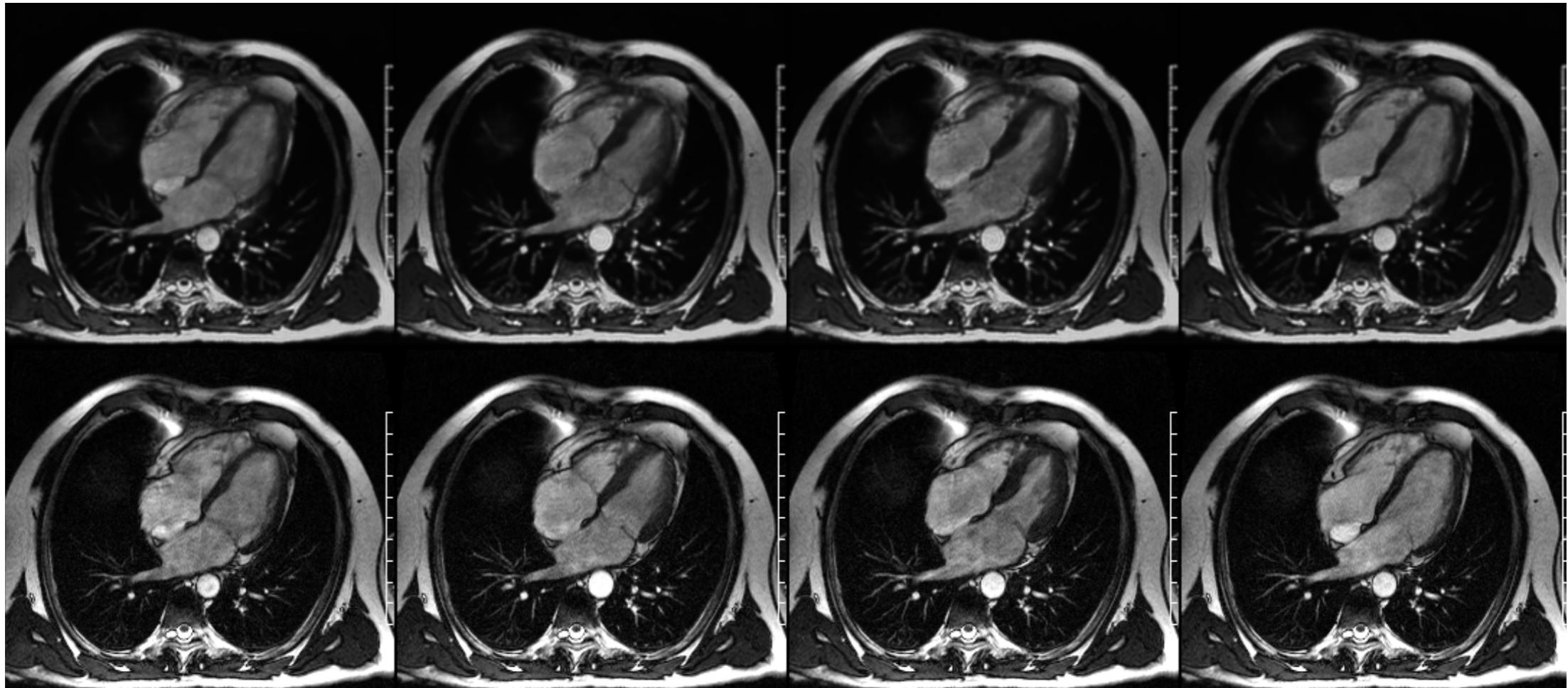
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end-to-end W Dictionary Learning

$$\min_{\textcolor{red}{A} \in (\Sigma_n)^K \textcolor{green}{\Lambda} \in (\Sigma_K)^N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{L}(\textcolor{blue}{b}_i, \textcolor{red}{a}(\textcolor{green}{\lambda}_i))$$

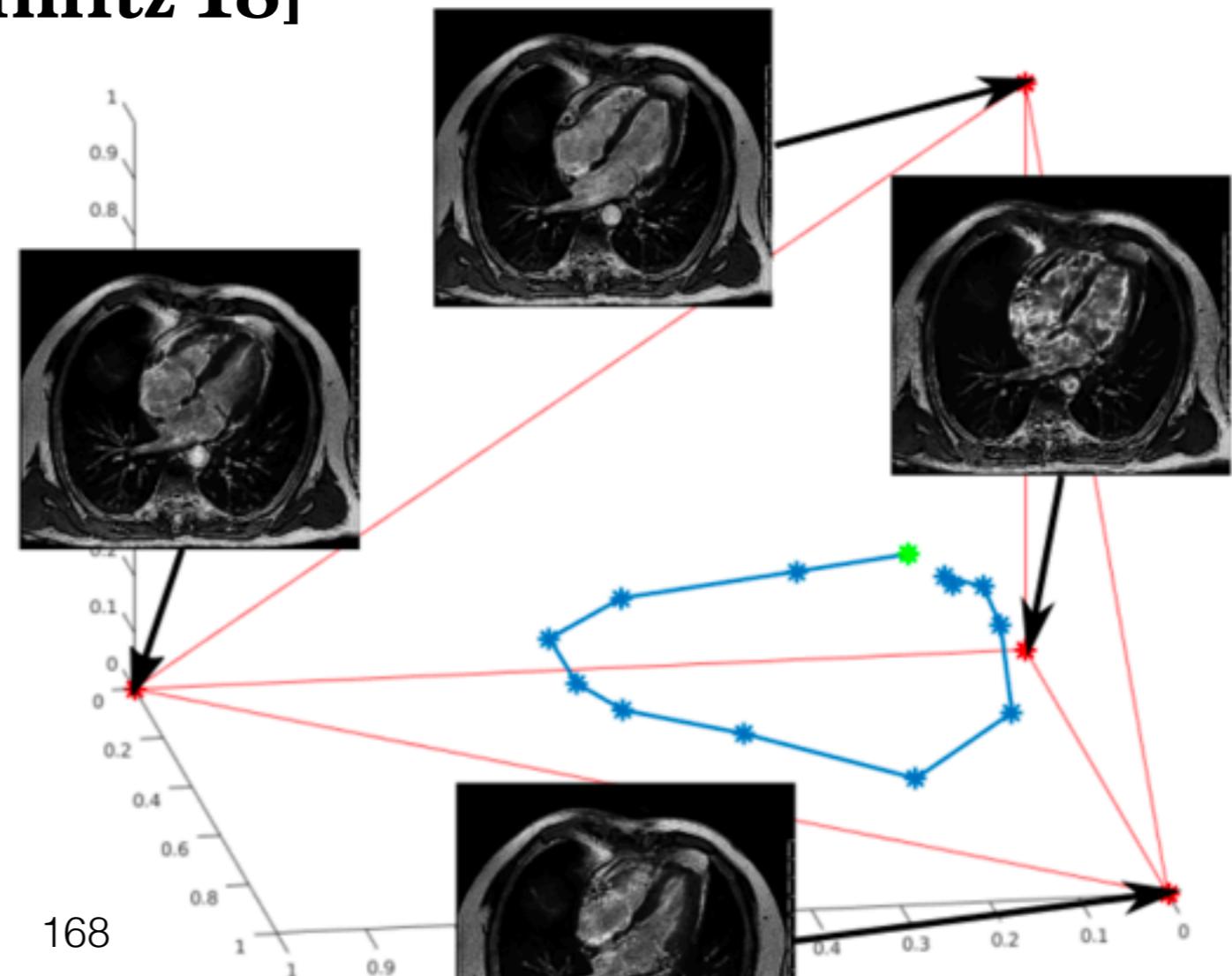
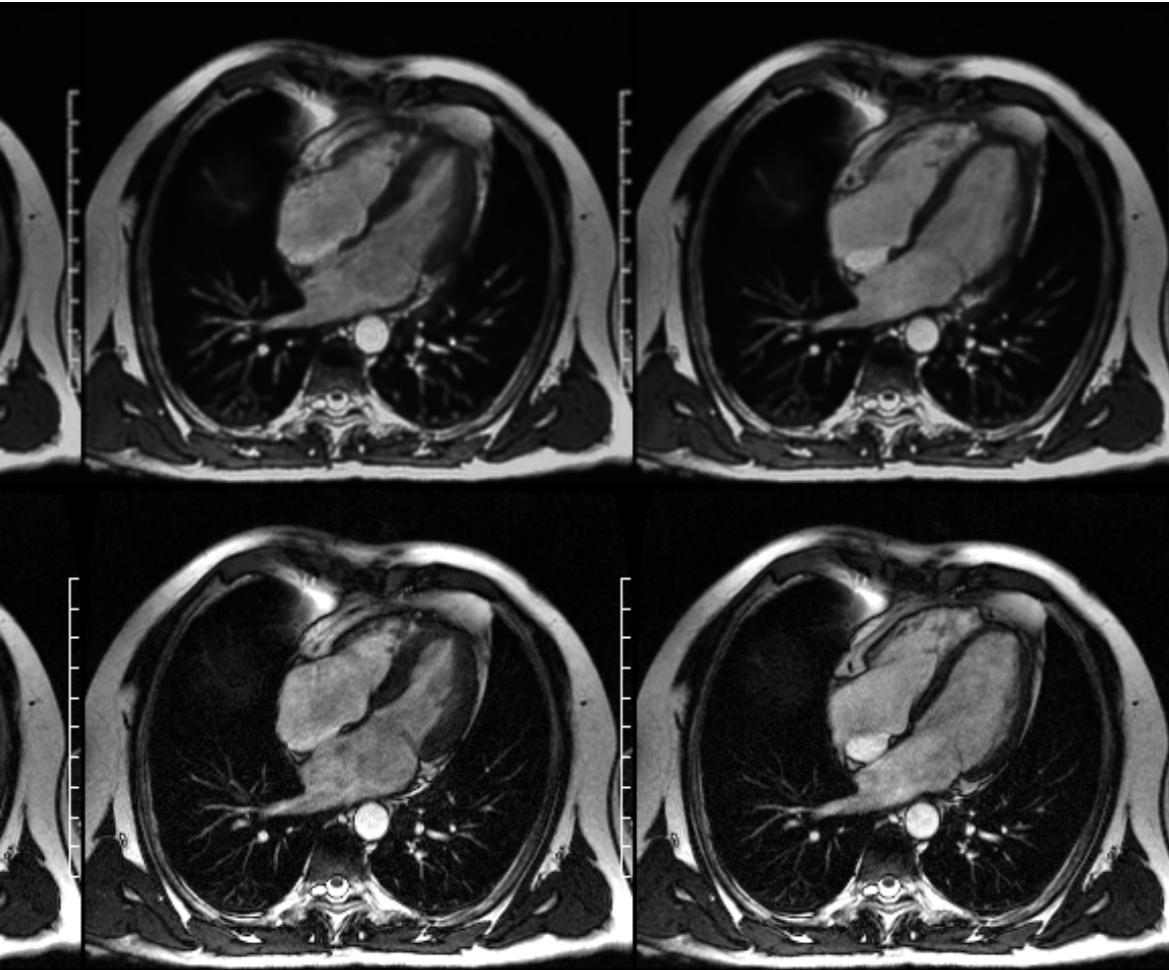
[Schmitz'18]



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[Schmitz'18]



Distributionally Robust Optimization

$$\nu_{\text{data}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{(x_i, y_i)}$$

Supervised learning

$$\inf_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{E}_{\nu_{\text{data}}} [\mathcal{L}(f_\theta(X), Y)]$$

Learning with Wasserstein Ambiguity

$$\inf_{\theta \in \Theta} \sup_{\mu: W_p(\nu_{\text{data}}, \mu) < \varepsilon} \mathbb{E}_{\mu} [\mathcal{L}(f_\theta(X), Y)]$$

[Esvahani'17]

Distributionally Robust Learning

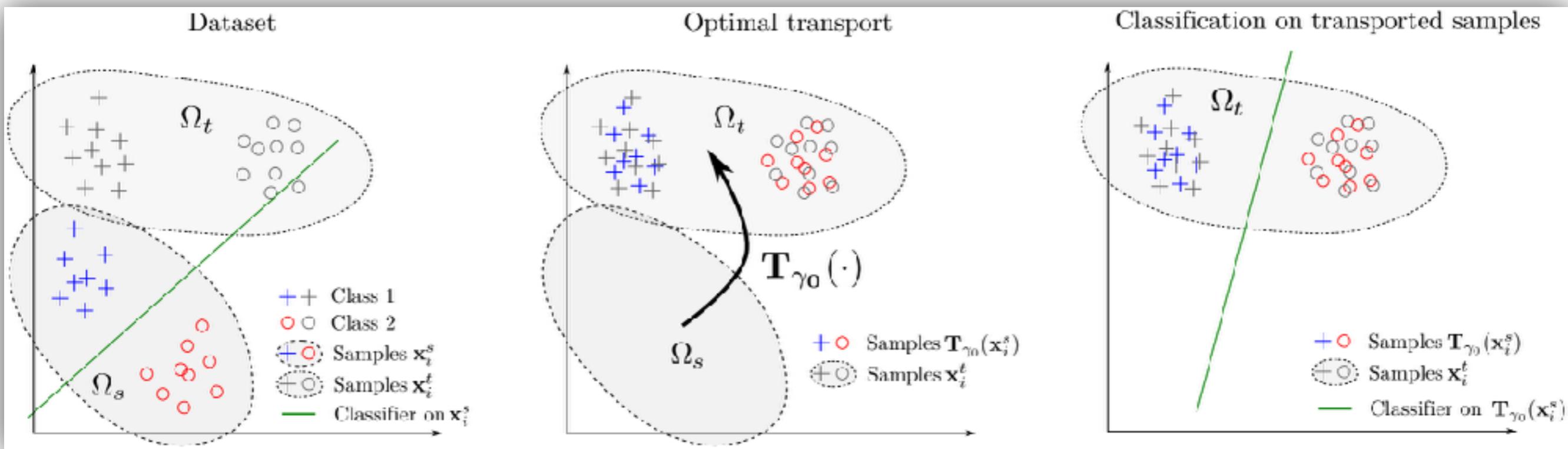
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Advantages:

- Bound on out-of-sample performance
- Converges as size of dataset increases
- Often reduces to a finite convex program (e.g. when f is element-wise max over elementary concave functions)

Domain Adaptation



1. Estimate transport map
2. Transport labeled samples to new domain
3. Train classifier on transported labeled samples

[Courty'16]

Learning with a Wasserstein Loss

Dataset $\{(x_i, y_i)\}$, $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $y_i \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$



x_i

husky
snow
sled
slope
men

y_i

Goal is to find f_{θ} : Images \mapsto Labels

Learning with a Wasserstein Loss

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(x_i), y_i)$$



x_i

husky
snow
sled
slope
men

y_i

Which loss \mathcal{L} could we use?

Learning with a Wasserstein Loss

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(x_i), y_i)$$

dog
driver
winter
ice

$f_{\theta}(x_i)$

husky
snow
sled
slope
men

y_i

Which loss \mathcal{L} could we use?

Learning with a Wasserstein Loss

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(x_i), y_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = & \min_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{nm}} \langle \mathbf{P}, M \rangle + \varepsilon \text{KL}(\mathbf{P} \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{a}) \\ & + \varepsilon \text{KL}(\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{b}) - \gamma E(\mathbf{P}) \end{aligned}$$

1. Generalizes Word Mover's to label clouds
2. Sinkhorn algorithm can be generalized

[Frogner'15] [Chizat'15][Chizat'16]

Life Sciences

- Biology to infer evolution of cells

[Hashimoto+’16] [.... Rigollet ...’19 : *Waddington OT*]

Cell

Optimal-Transport Analysis of Single-Cell Gene Expression Identifies Developmental Trajectories in Reprogramming

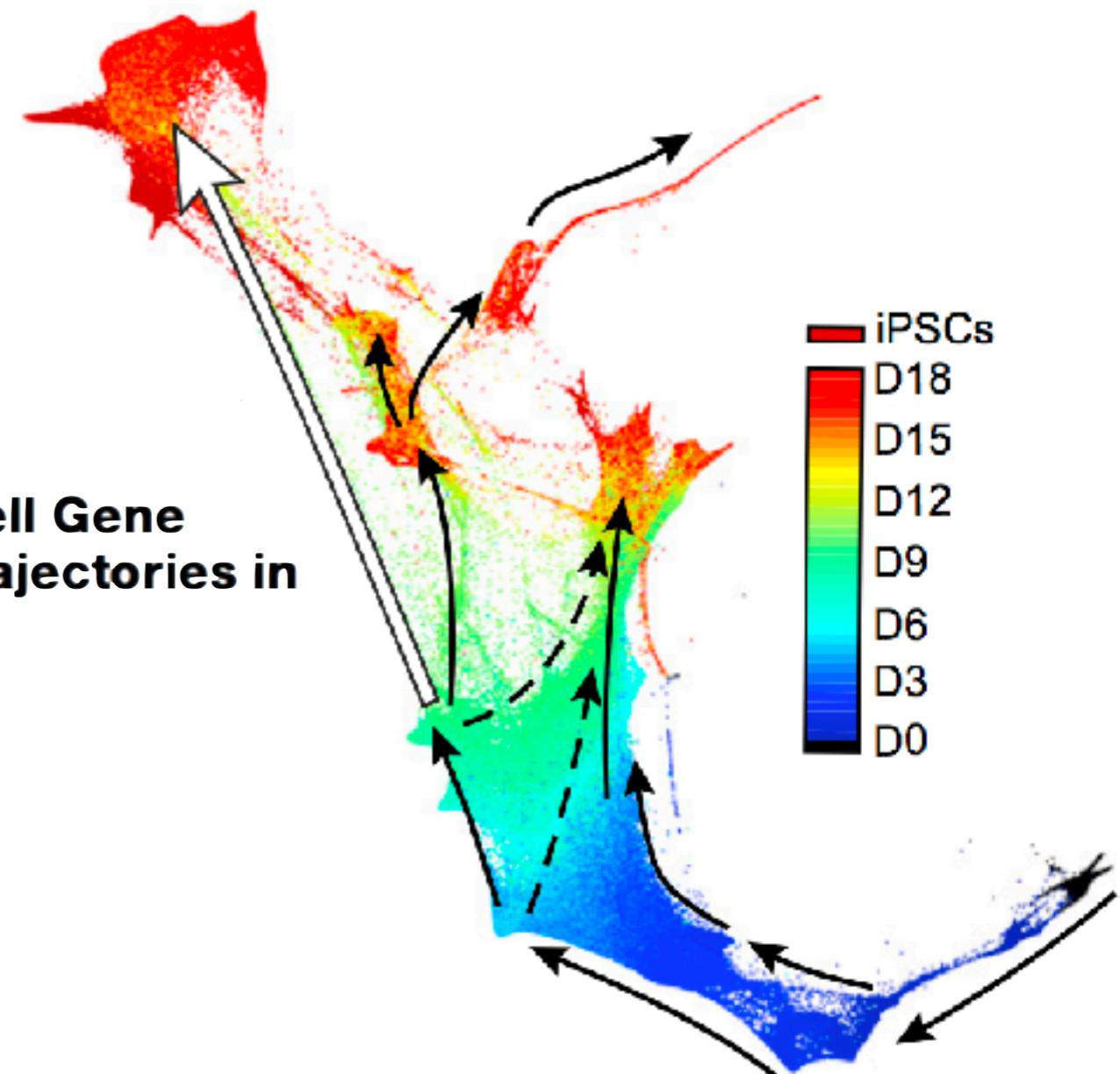
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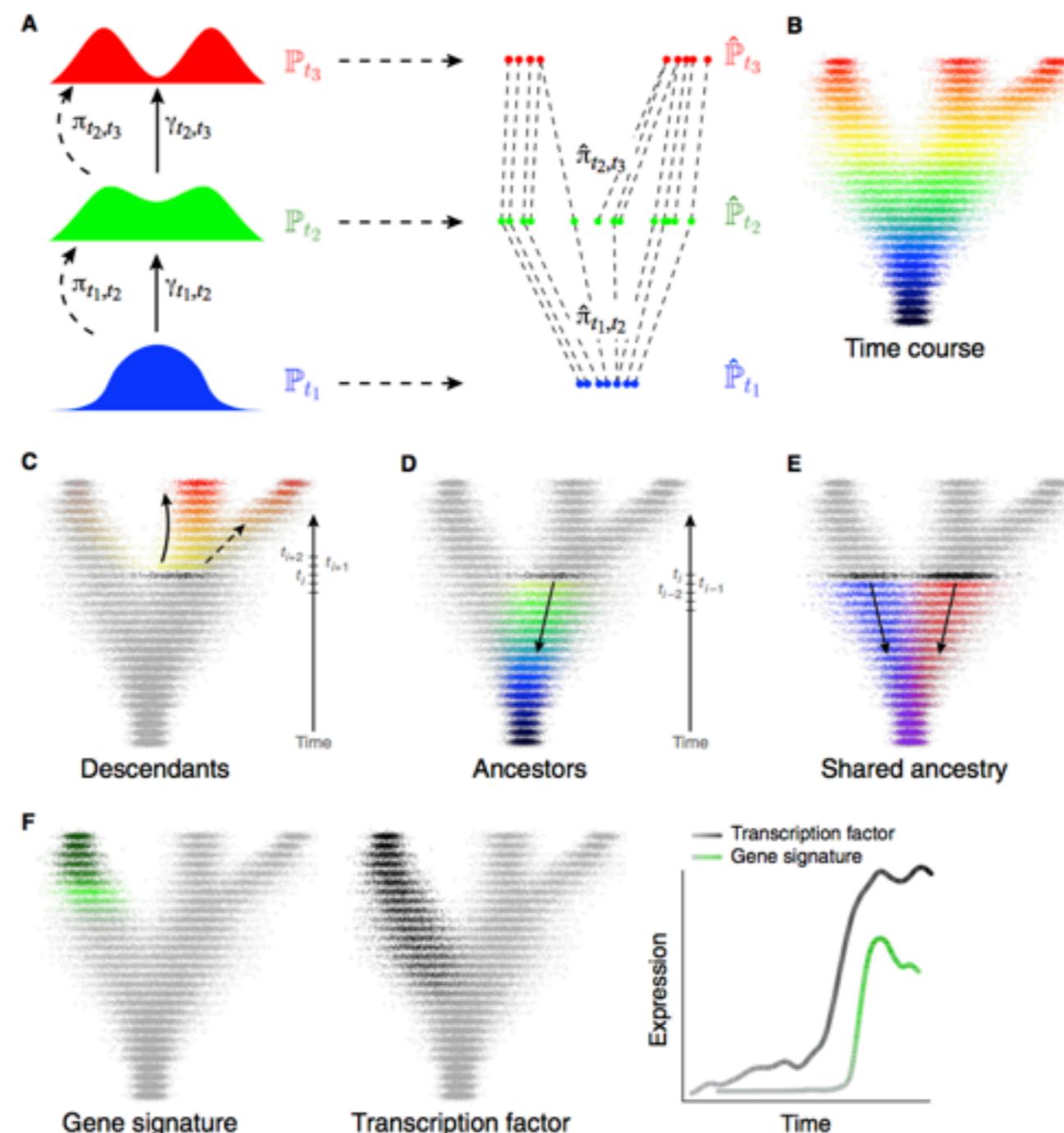
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Minimum Kantorovich Estimation



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On minimum Kantorovich distance estimators

Federico Bassetti^a, Antonella Bodini^b, Eugenio Regazzini^{a,*}

Use *Wasserstein distances* to define a loss
between data and model.

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} W(\nu_{\text{data}}, p_{\theta})$$

Minimum Kantorovich Estimators

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} W(\nu_{\text{data}}, f_{\theta \sharp} \mu)$$

[Bassetti'06] 1st reference discussing this approach.

Challenge: $\nabla_{\theta} W(\nu_{\text{data}}, f_{\theta \sharp} \mu)$?

[Montavon'16] use regularized OT in a finite setting.

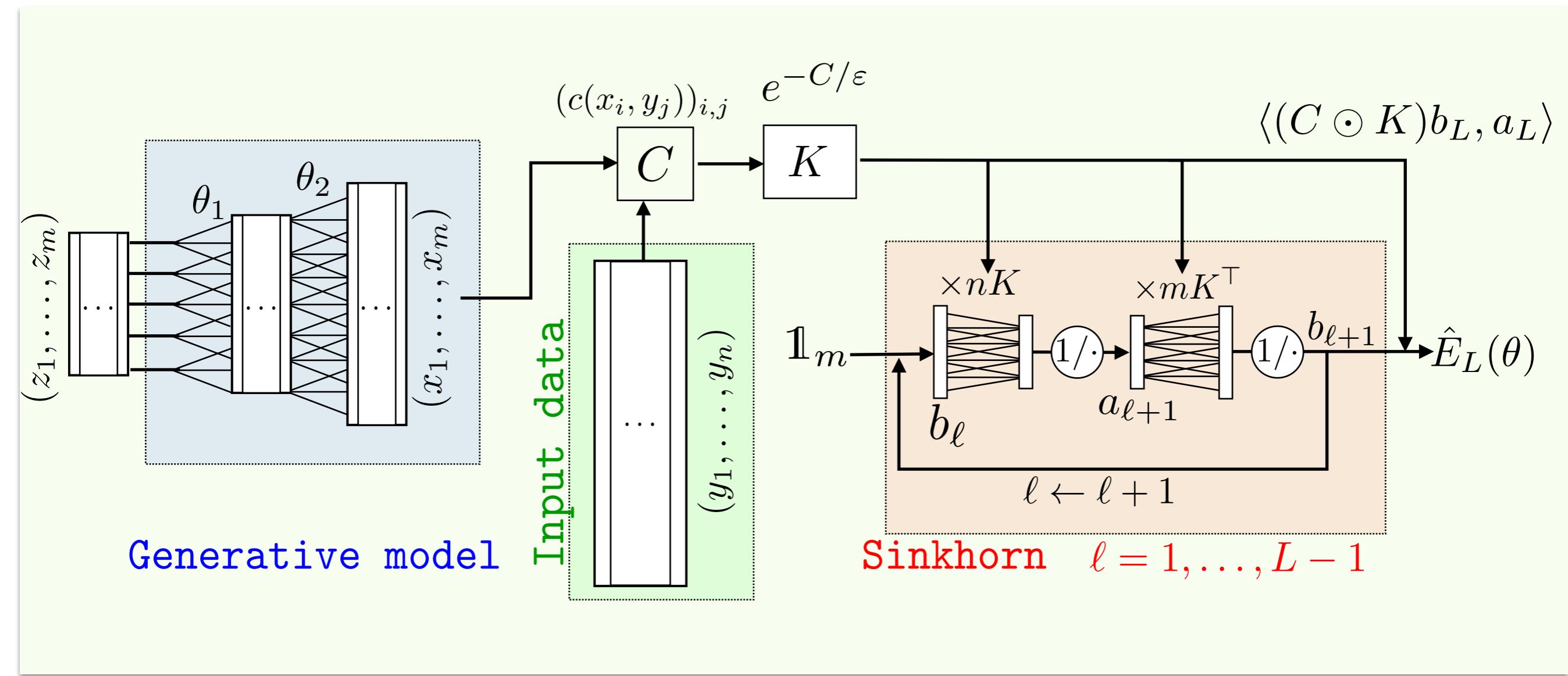
[Arjovsky'17] (WGAN) uses a NN to approximate dual solutions and recover gradient w.r.t. parameter

[Bernton'17] (*Wasserstein ABC*)

[Genevay'17, Salimans'17] (*Sinkhorn approach*)

Proposal: Autodiff OT using Sinkhorn

Approximate W loss by the transport cost \bar{W}_L after L Sinkhorn iterations.

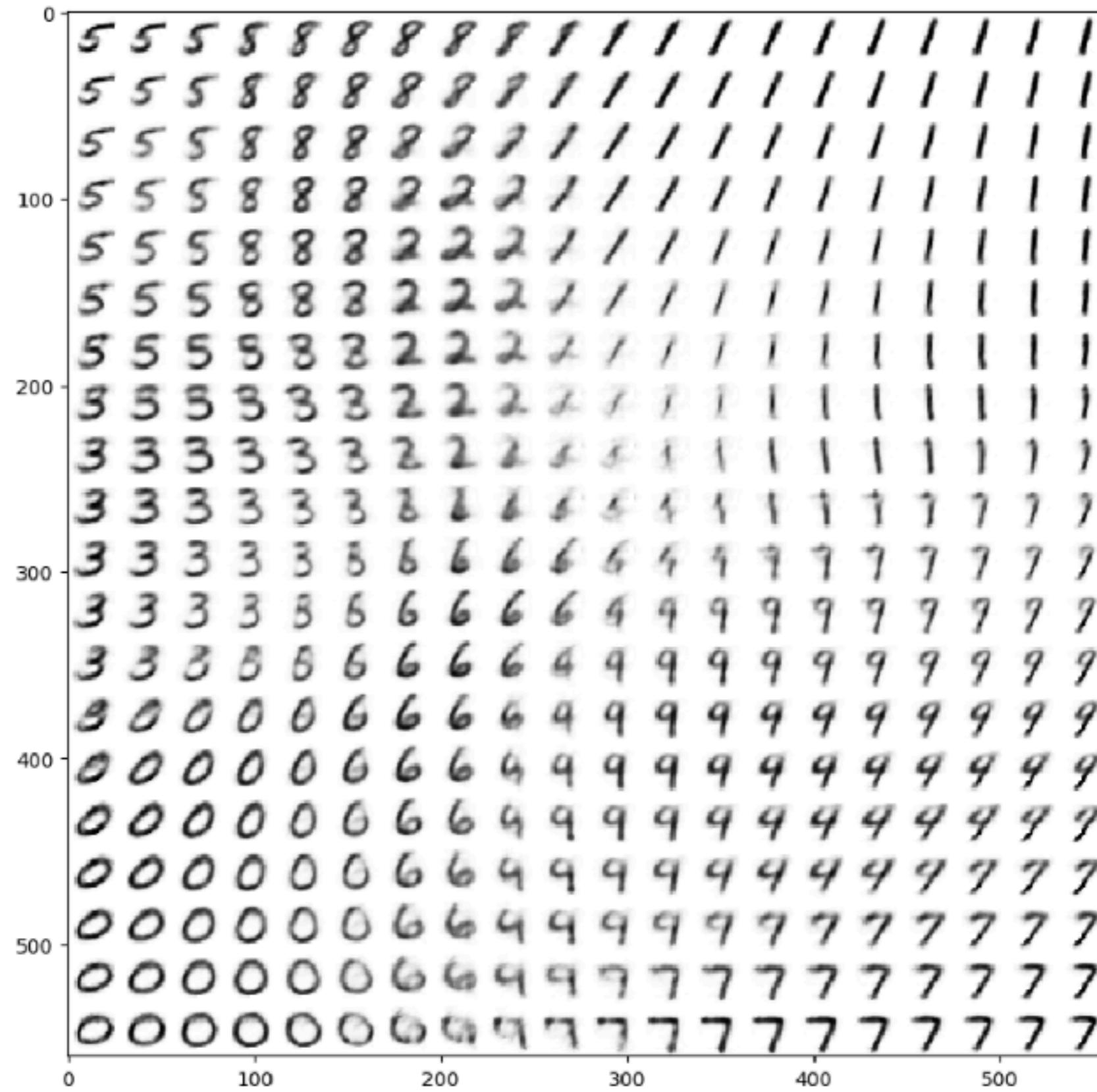


Example: MNIST, Learning f_{θ}

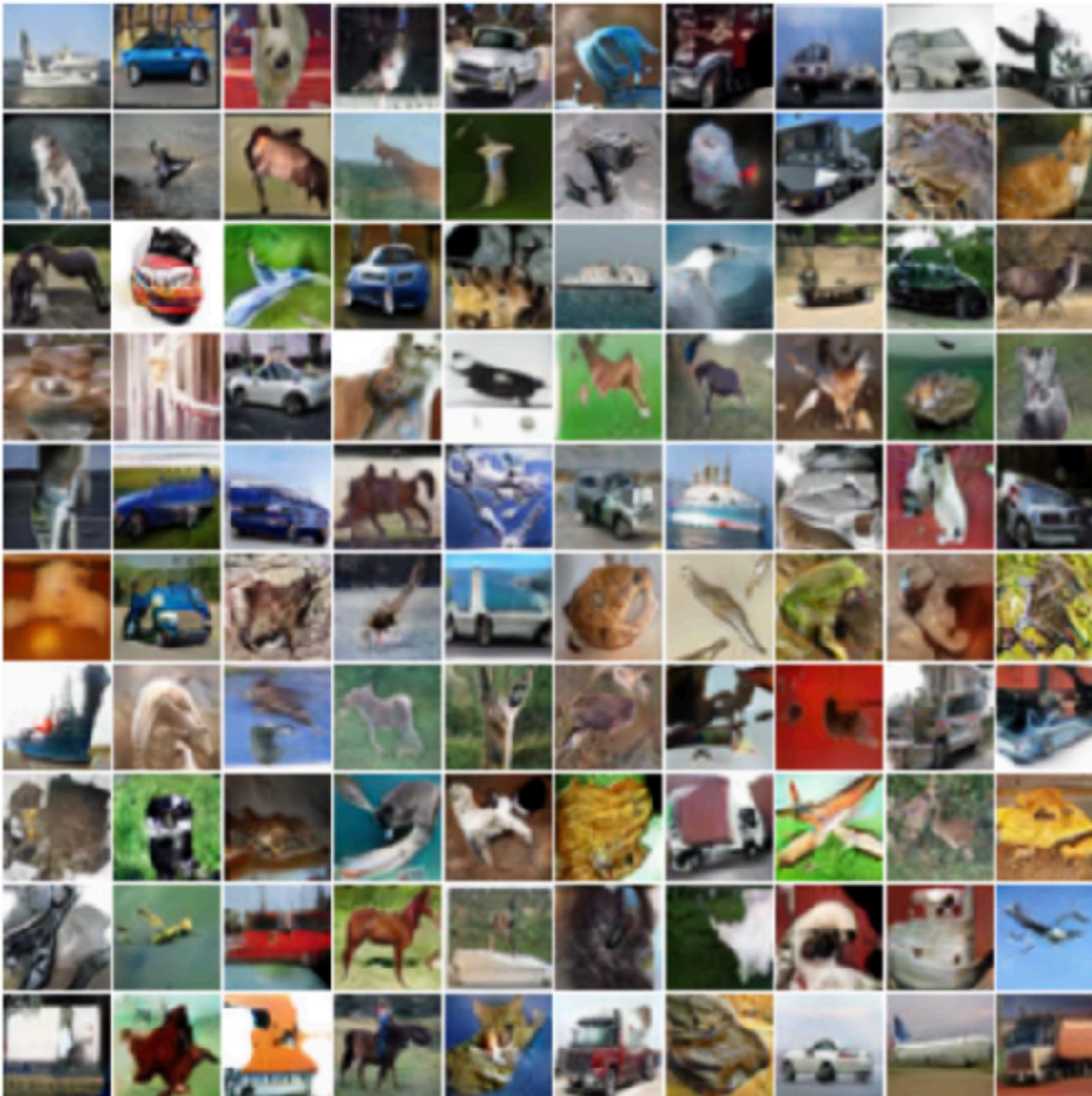
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Example: MNIST, Learning f_{θ}

Latent
space
 $[0, 1]^2$



Example: Generation of Images



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Concluding Remarks

- *Regularization* is required for OT to work on data.
- If one expects that these tools become widely adopted, they must be “*auto-differentiable*”.
- **Many open problems remain!**

What I could not talk about...

- Very large supply of **maths**...
- **Statistical** challenges to compute W .
- If **linear assignment** = Wasserstein, then
quadratic assignment = Gromov-Wasserstein.
- Wasserstein gradient flows (a.k.a. **JKO** flow).
- **Dynamical** aspects of optimal transport
- Transporting vectors and matrices